

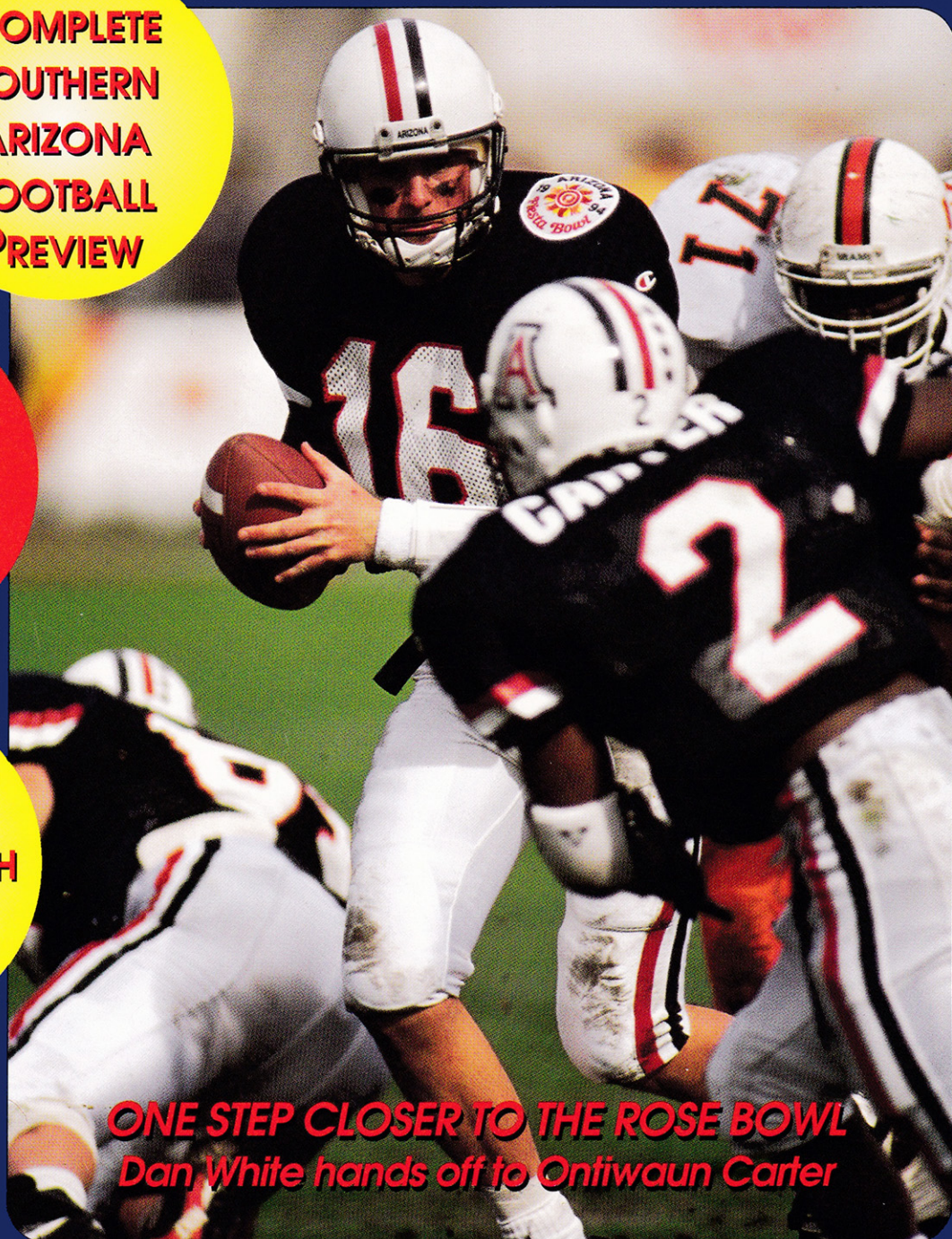
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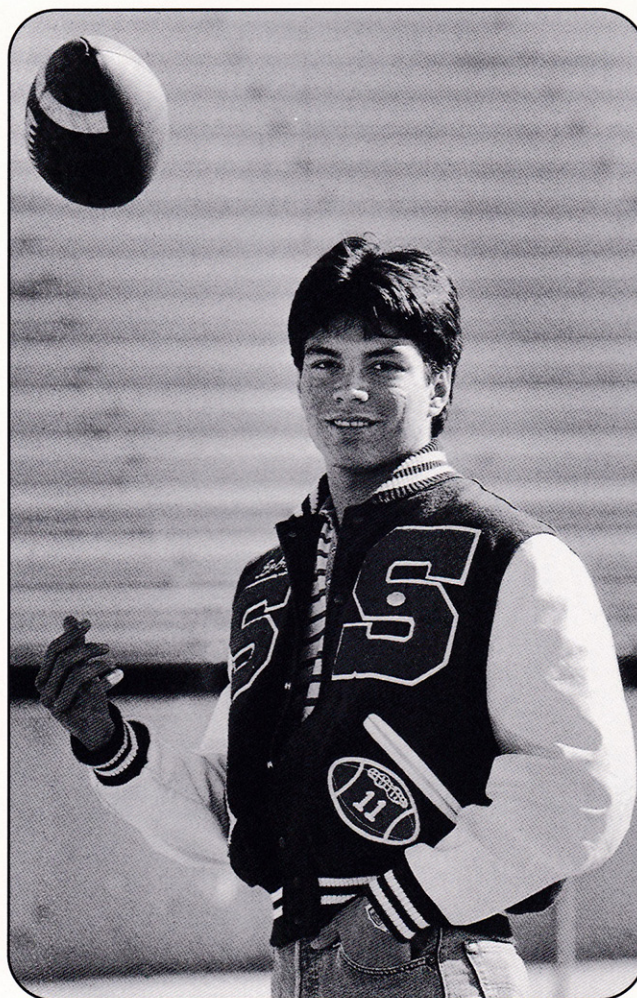
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1984 .. Steve Dowling, Amphitheater, QB
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1980 .. Fred Sims, Sunnyside, RB
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1976 .. John Mistler, Sahuaro, WR
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Tucson Sunnyside quarterback Bobby Valdez.
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1959 .. Dennis Couse, Tucson, T
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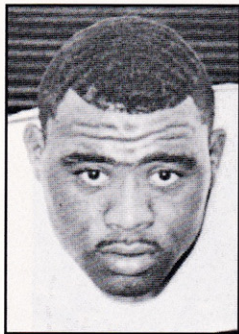
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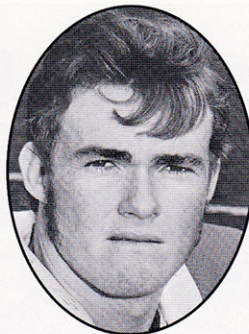
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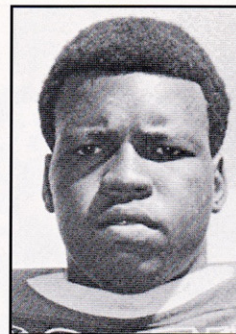
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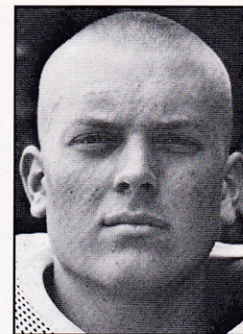
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1987 Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)
1986 Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)
1985 Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (OT)
1984 Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)
1983 Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)
1982 Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981 Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1980 Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard (T)
1979 Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)
1978 Doug Kellermeyer, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1977 Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976 Jack Housely, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
1975 Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale (T)
1974 Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)
1973 Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central (T)
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1970 Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
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1968 Fernie Mendoza, Tucson Salpointe (T)
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1966 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)
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..... Bob Bertelsen, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
1961 Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (C)
1960 Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
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1955 Sumner Smith, Phoenix Union (T)
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1953 Dick Nordmeyer, Tucson (DT)
1952 Guy Barrickman, Tucson (T)
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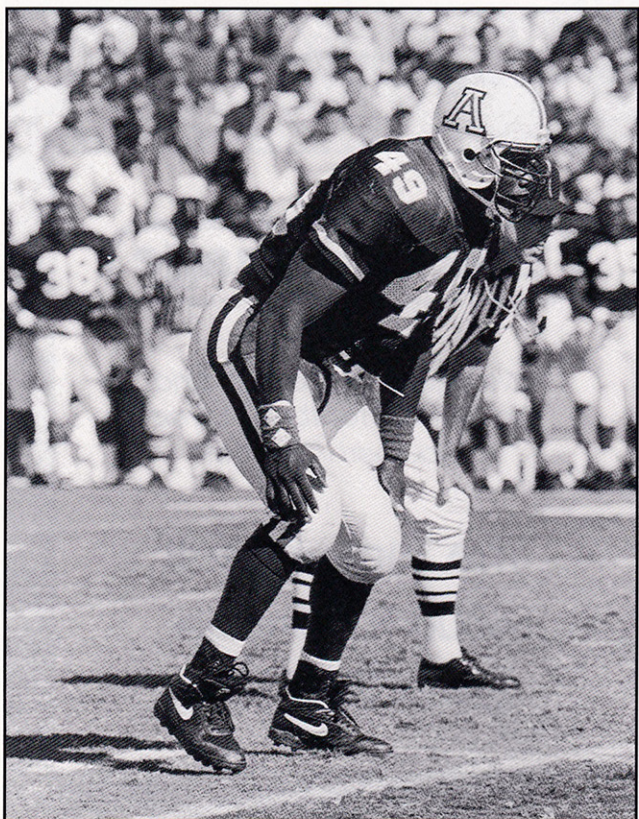
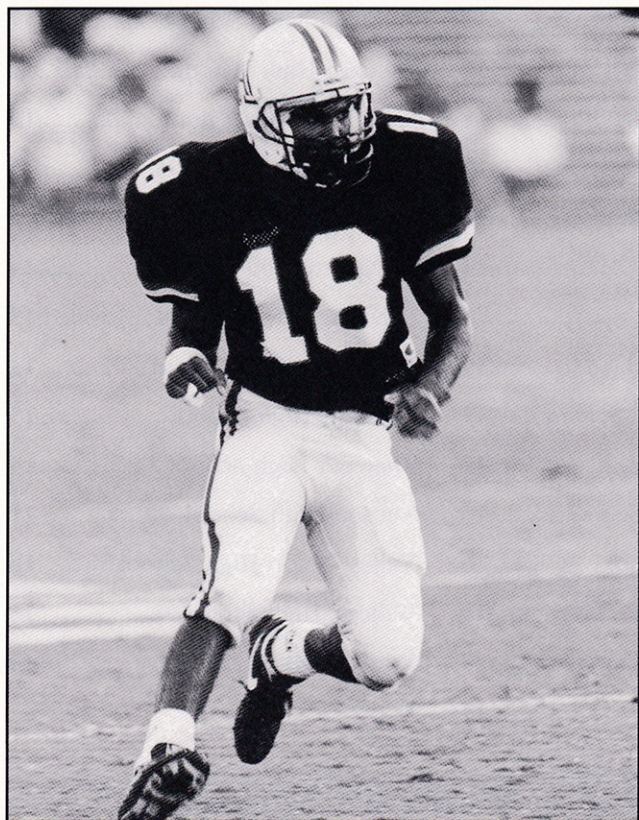
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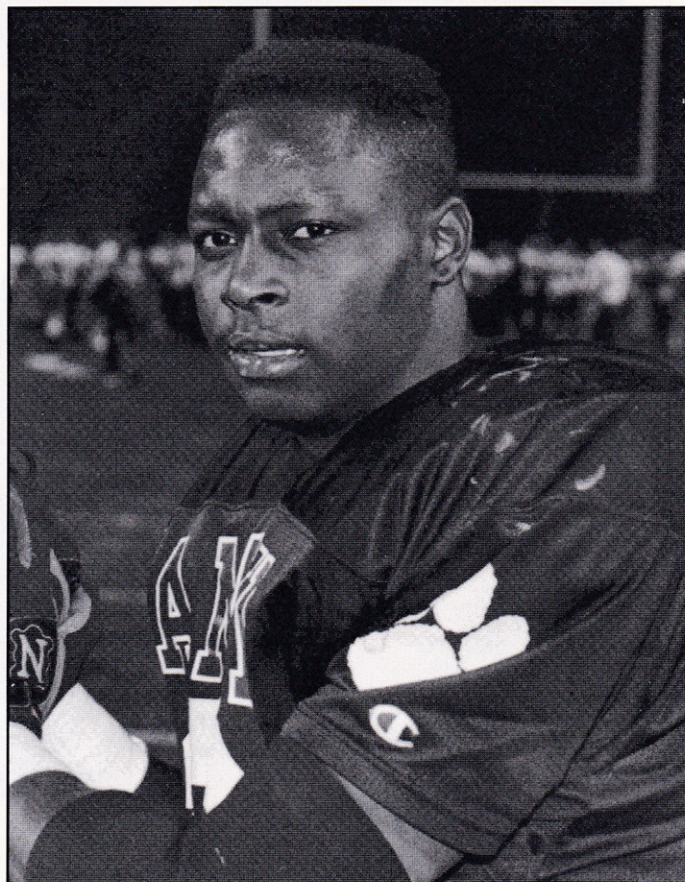
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Wildcat Preview

One Step Closer to the Rose



The Cats are set. With starters like Tedi Bruschi (68) and Dan White (inset) back in the lineup, Arizona is a solid preseason pick to win the Pac-10 race.

By Jeff Krider

The Wildcats, ranked No. 10 in 1993's final AP poll, return an experienced offensive line, a top-

flight quarterback, and six starters from one of the nation's best defensive units. So, it's now wonder Arizona fans – not to mention the coaching staff – are looking forward

to the '94 campaign.

Based on its impressive 29-0 shutout against Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, Dick Tomey's offense has changed from a conservative to a

balanced attack in grand style. The offense came to life during a 34-20 win over Arizona State, another impressive win in Sun Devil Stadium. The defense shined all season long, starting with a 38-7 rout of Southern Cal.

Based on last year's stats, post and pre-season honors, and the opinion of professional scouts, several Cats are highly touted entering the new campaign. Both defensive lineman Tedy Bruschi and linebacker Sean Harris are first-team pre-season All-Americans. Harris is the latest in a long line of tremendous football players from nearby Tucson High.

Several polls have the Cats rated first in the Pac-10, and as high as No. 7 in the nation. Arizona enters 1994 with a stock of quality players on both sides of the ball, with capable returnees who served backup duty ready to move in.

"Our guys need to play as hard as they can on every play, as if that's the play that wins the game" insists Tomey. "It's an infectious style which can help us produce another winner."

This could be the best offensive team in Tomey's tenure in Tucson. Not only is the line probably the best in the league, but several key skill players are back and the quarterback situation is good. Junior Dan White is 9-1 as a starter. He has good size (6-5, 211), good arm strength and leadership. Still, he needs to improve his completion percentage (.498). Sophomore Brady

Batten looked good when called upon in the Fiesta Bowl.

The offense averaged 400 yards in last year's final four games. White and the offensive line were the keys. Up front, the Cats' have several pro prospects, starting with guards Warner Smith (6-3, 290) and Pulu Poumele (6-3, 300), tackles Mu Tagoi (6-4, 354) and Joe Smigiel (6-5, 276), center Hicham El-Mashtoub (6-3, 295) and tight end Lamar Harris (6-2, 255), another Tucson High product. Frequent starter Mike Ciasca (6-6, 300), a former high school All-American at Tucson Sahuaro, has been slowed by injuries during his Wildcat career. If healthy he could start.

Tomey and his staff spend lots of time recruiting players with speed and hitting ability to play defense. If you're not quick, you don't play defense for Arizona. The team has a nucleus of experience to keep the "Desert Swarm" on the college football map.

No doubt about it, the Cats' shutout of Miami last January was a milestone for the school's already strong program. The win helped Tomey land Pac-10 and Western Regional Coach of the Year honors. But the outcome was determined by the defense, truly one of the nation's best.

Nearly all of Arizona's projected stars play defense. If you can't score, you won't beat the Cats. Or anybody. Linebacker Sean Harris, free safety Tony Bouie, end Tedy Bruschi, tackle Jim Hoffman and

1994 Cats' Schedule

Sept. 1@ Georgia Tech
 Sept. 10New Mexico St.
 Sept. 17Open Date
 Sept. 24@ Stanford
 Oct. 1 Oregon St.
 Oct. 8Colorado St.
 Oct. 15..... @ Washington St.
 Oct. 22UCLA
 Oct. 29 @ Oregon
 Nov. 5California
 Nov. 12@ USC
 Nov. 19Open Date
 Nov. 25Arizona St.

strong safety Brandon Sanders are as good as they come.

Harris, a projected high NFL draft pick, is expected to be one of the premier middle linebackers in the country. Hoffman had knee surgery in January and missed spring drills. His size (6-4, 275) gives him a pro build, but a complete rehabilitation is important.

As always, the Cats' kicking game is a strong point. It's in solid hands with long-range capacity from senior kicker Steve McLaughlin, sophomore punter Matt Peyton, plus contenders Jon Prasuhn and Jose Pombo. All except Pombo, a Flagstaff High graduate, and Prasuhn (Salpointe) are from nearby Sahuaro High School.

Arizona was among league leaders in kickoff returns, kickoff coverage, punt returns and net punting. Wide receiver Cary Taylor and twin Gary are good return specialists.

Last year's 10-2 finish was one of the best in Arizona's history, and this year promises to be just as good. If not better. The ESPN season opener on Sept. 1st pits the Cats against Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

In '93 only a late season loss to California (24-20) kept Arizona out of the Rose Bowl. Playing the toughest schedule in school history, Tomey has won 46 games in the Old Pueblo. He needs 15 victories to pass school leader "Pop" McKale, who won 60 between 1914-1930.

Best of the Wildcats

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| QB....Dan White | 6-5.....211 | Jr. |
| RB....Ontiwaun Carter..... | 5-10177 | Sr. |
| OLWarner Smith | 6-3290 | Sr. |
| DLTedy Bruschi | 6-1255 | Jr. |
| DLJim Hoffman..... | 6-4275 | Sr. |
| DBTony Bouie | 5-10183 | Sr. |
| DBBrandon Sanders | 5-10175 | Jr. |
| DBClaudius Wright | 5-11187 | Sr. |
| LB.....Sean Harris | 6-3235 | Sr. |
| PKSteve McLaughlin | 6-1173 | Sr. |

Friday Night Heroes

QB....Andy Juday, Canyon Del Oro, 5-11, 182, Sr.
 QB....Rick La Paglia, Coolidge, 6-0, 180, Sr.
 QB....Gabe Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 5-10, 175, Sr.
 RB....Omar Bacon, Sahuaros, 6-1, 190, Sr.
 RB....Alawnzo Brown, CDO, 5-10, 172, Sr.
 RB....Tony Brown, CDO, 5-11, 191, Sr.
 RB....Johnny Johnson, Coolidge, 5-8, 165, Sr.
 RB....Tamoni Joiner, Amphi, 5-11, 175, Jr.
 RB....Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 5-11, 205, Sr.
 RB....Bernard Walker, Santa Rita, 5-10, 180, Sr.
 WR....Ben Mendola, Rincon, 5-10, 160, Sr.
 WR....Brandon Quihuis, Pueblo, 5-11, 180, Sr.
 OLAnthony Gutierrez, Amphi, 6-0, 215, Sr.
 OLRudy Quihuis, Pueblo, 6-5, 285, Sr.
 OLJosh DeSpain, Flowing Wells, 6-1, 220, Sr.
 OLJuan Valdez, Catalina, 6-4, 280, Sr.
 OLShawn Watson, Yuma, 6-4, 275, Sr.
 DL....Mike Hartshorne, Salpointe, 6-3, 235, Sr.
 DL....Keith Nixon, Marana, 6-1, 245, Sr.
 DL....Levi Shaffer, Miami, 6-3, 240, Sr.
 DL....Ricky Solis, Sahuaros, 6-5, 250, Sr.
 DL....Scott Williams, Tucson, 6-4, 250, Sr.
 LB....Trevini Baron, Sahuarita, 6-2, 210, Sr.
 LB....Nathan Goerke, Sahuaros, 5-11, 198, Jr.
 LB....Bryan Schwanenberger, Sabino, 6-0, 207, Sr.
 DB....Floyd Reece, Coolidge, 5-8, 160, Sr.
 DB....Kevin Coman, Flowing Wells, 5-7, 165, Sr.
 DB....Richard Gonzalez, San Manuel, 5-10, 210, Sr.
 DB....Curtis Williams, Tucson, 5-9, 160, Sr.
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Casa Grande's Russell Trejo rushed for over 1,300 yards in '93 (Casa Grande Dispatch).



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Clint Clayton, Miami, 5-7, 140, Sr.
Cameron Dowd, Globe, 5-10, 170, Jr.
Jimmy Enriquez, Morenci, 5-10, 165, Sr.
Ernie Ivy, San Manuel, 5-9, 150, Sr.
George Jones, San Carlos, 5-10, 190, Jr.
Andy Juday, CDO, 5-11, 182, Sr.
Rick La Paglia, Coolidge, 6-0, 180, Sr.
Jason Lenderman, CG, 6-2, 210, Sr.
Jarrett Magdaleno, Yuma, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Chad McLeod, Cibola, 5-11, 185, Sr.
Jason Mitchell, Benson, 6-0, 170, Sr.
Anthony Moraga, Superior, 5-9, 184, Sr.
Omar Moreno, Nogales, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Chopper Murrietta, Patagonia, 5-7, 140, Jr.
Bryan Oatis, Hayden, 5-9, 150, Sr.
Jason Randels, Santa Rita, 6-2, 190, Sr.
Gabe Schmidtke, Mt. View, 5-10, 177, Sr.
Anthony Taylor, Pueblo, 6-3, 175, Sr.
Chris Teran, Bisbee, 5-10, 160, Sr.
Olen Valdez, Sunnyside, 5-10, 165, Jr.

RUNNING BACKS

Jared Alred, Willcox, 5-11, 185, Sr.
Jamie Amon, Cibola, 5-9, 190, Sr.
Russ Armbrust, Morenci, 5-6, 145, Sr.
Omar Bacon, Sahuaro, 6-1, 190, Sr.
Issac Banks, Sabino, 5-11, 170, Jr.
Alawno Brown, CDO, 5-10, 172, Sr.
Tony Brown, CDO, 5-11, 191, Sr.
Anthony Cobb, Benson, 5-10, 205, Sr.
Gabe Cox, Mt. View, 5-11, 185, Sr.
George Cunningham, Cata., 5-10, 160, Sr.
Bo Gonzalez, Gila Bend, 5-9, 155, Jr.
Mike Hill, Salpointe, 5-10, 185, Sr.
Johnny Johnson, Coolidge, 5-8, 165, Sr.
Tamoni Joiner, Amphi, 5-11, 175, Jr.
Ruben Mendoza, Patagonia, 5-9, 155, Jr.
Ryan Mims, Benson, 6-1, 200, Sr.
Duane Mortenson, Valley U., 5-11, 170, Sr.
David Olmos, Superior, 5-10, 178, Sr.
Jeff Pridgett, Marana, 5-10, 185, Sr.
Albert Rodriguez, Santa Cruz, 5-9, 160, Sr.
Adrian Romero, Sunnyside, 5-7, 155, Sr.
Brad Romney, Thatcher, 5-11, 160, Sr.
Adam Smith, P.V. Christian, 5-6, 145, Sr.
Steve Talgo, Ft. Thomas, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Robert Trebes, Ajo, 6-2, 190, Sr.
Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 5-11, 205, Sr.
Quinn Vance, Yuma, 5-10, 185, Sr.
Bernard Walker, Santa Rita, 5-10, 180, Sr.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Bill Amerson, Kofa, 6-3, 190, Sr.
Carlos Atondo, Patagonia, 6-0, 180, Sr.
Andrew Barney, FW, 5-10, 180, Sr.
Dempsey Dees, Yuma, 6-1, 175, Jr.

Sammy Gonzalez, Cholla, 6-0, 180, Sr.
Chris Hengsteler, Sahuaro, 5-11, 185, Sr.
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Brandon Quihuis, Pueblo, 5-11, 180, Sr.
Ben Mendola, Rincon, 5-10, 160, Sr.
Javier Tapia, Douglas, 5-10, 160, Sr.

TIGHT ENDS

John Harshbarger, Mt. View, 6-3, 205, Sr.
Miguel Macario, Safford, 6-0, 185, Sr.
T.J. McCall, CDO, 6-0, 210, Sr.
Montel McKinley, Santa Rita, 6-3, 250, Sr.
Ricky Monroy, Nogales, 6-1, 195, Sr.
Gabe Romero, Hayden, 6-1, 175, Sr.

LINEMEN

Erik Anderson, Cata. Foothills, 6-2, 245, Jr.
Brian Avila, Clifton, 5-9, 175, Sr.
Rene Ballesteros, Salpointe, 5-11, 220, Sr.
Chris Bazua, Douglas, 6-4, 255, Sr.
Chez Berryhill, Benson, 6-4, 264, Sr.
Ray Brennan, Mt. View, 6-4, 254, Sr.
Joe Brown, Catalina Foothills, 6-5, 240, Jr.
Troy Byrd, Willcox, 6-0, 195, Jr.
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Micah French, Thatcher, 5-10, 160, Sr.
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Curtis Williams, Tucson, 5-9, 160, Sr.

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Brian Charest, Nogales, 6-3, 200, Sr.
Matt Lousenski, Sahuaro, 6-2, 240, Sr.
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St. Johns' Mike Morgan and the Redskins have won two-straight 2A crowns. (Nick Worth photo)

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Preseason Picks

CDO, Sahuaro, Sabino, Coolidge

Few – if any – prep teams in Arizona return more lettermen than **CANYON DEL ORO**. Coach Rick Werbylo welcomes back 25 veterans from his 9-3 playoff team of 1993.

1994 could be even better. The Dorados have a fine quarterback in 5-11, 182-pound senior Andy Juday. He should be one of the outstanding players in southern Arizona. The backup signal caller figures to be junior Brad Wilford (6-2, 170), who will also play in the secondary.

Juday can throw to talented players like TE T.J. McCall (6-0, 210), WR Dario Duarte (5-8, 145), WR Jason Felix (5-10, 173) and TE Dan Gatley (5-11, 190).

The running game looks great, thanks to Tony Brown (5-11, 191), junior Alawnzo Brown (5-10, 172), Nick Frank (5-10, 185) and junior Alan Myatt (5-11, 178).

Watch for huge Mike Wilhelms (6-7, 277) to open some holes for that running attack from his offensive tackle post. Junior Brett Page (5-10, 200) is a formidable noseguard.

"We will be very strong at the skill positions," says Werbylo, "but we'll have to develop quickly on the line. We have some very promising young players to fill the void."

AMPHI returns almost as many players as CDO. Coach Vern Friedli, who has now compiled a wonderful 208-82-2 record over a fine career, has 23 familiar faces around as the Panthers prepare for '94. Improving on last season's 6-5 mark is a top priority.

And junior Tamoni Joiner could be just the guy to gallop for big yardage this fall. A 5-11, 175-pounder, Joiner has 4.55 speed and Friedli will try to get him the ball as often as possible.

Other runners of note are Brent Wilson (5-10, 195), junior Traselle Reese (5-10, 170), junior Walter Jefferson (5-9, 170) and Matt Snodgrass (5-9, 175). The quarterback should be Jesus Lespron (5-11, 170).

The offensive line should feature David McHone (6-2, 235), Anthony Gutierrez (6-0, 215), Tom Gauman (5-11, 215), Damien Tapper (5-11, 210),

5A SOUTH REGION

- 1) Tucson Canyon del Oro
- 2) Tucson Amphitheater
- 3) Tucson Salpointe
- 4) Tucson
- 5) Nogales
- 6) Tucson Pueblo
- 7) Sierra Vista Buena

junior Russ Todorovich (6-2, 250) and junior Josh Lipke (5-11, 230).

Linebacker – always a strong point for the Panthers – will be a plus, since Wilson, J.T. Johnson (6-1, 205) and junior Adam McClellan (6-1, 190) are back in uniform in '94. Noseguard Billy Dolan (5-10, 190) is not huge, but he's good.

SALPOINTE suffered through a subpar 2-8 campaign last year, but the Lancers figure to rebound this time out. Coach Pat Welchert has 15 letterwinners and some good performers up from a 7-2 JV club.

The best of the bunch should be OL-DL Mike Hartshorne (6-2, 235), RB-LB Mike Hill (5-10, 185) and OL-DL Rene Ballesteros (5-11, 220).

"We could have one of our strongest backfields in years," says **TUCSON** coach Todd Mayfield. "But we need to develop quickly at quarterback and linebacker."

The Badgers have won 476 football games in their proud history. Yet they finished 5-4-1 last season and missed the playoffs as a result of a tie-breaker. Tucson High doesn't miss the playoffs very often, so the Badgers should be hungry.

Skill players to watch include HB-DB Curtis Williams (5-9, 160), FB-SS Chris Hardy (5-10, 175), WR-DB Jason Lewis (5-9, 145) and junior WR-DB Demetrius Purdie-Williams (5-11, 170).

Big Scott Williams (6-4, 250) is a powerhouse up front, with OT/DT Jason Scordato (5-11, 220), OG/DT

Amado Noriega (5-9, 215) and C/NG Richard Rivera (5-9, 190) lending support.

NOGALES is minus Robert Bonillas, the 5A South Player of the Year, who has opted for an Arizona Wildcat uniform. But 14 other Apaches are back from the '93 unit that finished with a 5-6 slate in their first year at the 5A level.

Coach Jim Paul is hopeful that his team can continue to progress. Ringleaders in '94 should be QB Oscar Moreno (6-1, 185), TE-LB Ricky Monroy (6-1, 195), HB-DB Rene Canez (5-9, 165), T Mike Rodriguez (6-2, 255), TE-P-PK Brian Charest (6-3, 200), SE-DB Robert Hernandez (5-9, 160) and DE Albert Michel (6-4, 210), all seniors.

Other anticipated standouts include SE-DB Tom Garcia (5-9, 155), HB Alex Corrales (5-10, 175), C Rudy Ronquillo (5-10, 195), SE-DB Albert Badilla (5-9, 160), QB-RB-FS Robert Gallego (5-9, 150), plus big tackles Juan Avila (6-3, 260) and Steve Bonilla (6-3, 285).

At **PUEBLO**, the trio of WR Brandon Quihuis (5-11, 180), QB Anthony Taylor (6-3, 175) and OL Rudy Quihuis (6-5, 285) is expected to spark the Warriors. Of course, they'll need help, but each of these three could be playing college football next year.

4A KINO REGION

- 1) Tucson Sahuaro
- 2) Marana Mountain View
- 3) Tucson Sunnyside
- 4) Tucson Palo Verde
- 5) Tucson Desert View
- 6) Tucson Catalina
- 7) Catalina Foothills

The multi-talented Omar Bacon leads a great group of veterans returning for coach Howard Breinig at **SAHUARO**. Altogether, 28 lettermen

are back from a team that finished strong in '93.

Just how strong? Well, the Cougars settled for a 9-3-2 slate on the year, including a trip to the 4A finals versus Marana Mountain View. Unfortunately, for Sahuaro fans, the state title eluded the Cougars last fall.

But Bacon and friends have a legitimate shot again in '94. And the 6-1, 190-pounder looks to be a major college prospect. He has 4.5 speed and produced over 1,400 rushing and receiving yards as a junior. He'll also see action in the secondary.

Others to watch include the versatile Chris Hengsteler (5-11, 185), who will be a force at running back, wide receiver and defensive back. Defensively, DE Ricky Solis (6-5, 250), DE Tony Lucas (6-2, 220), DT Matt Lousenski (6-2, 240) and junior MLB Nate Goerke (5-11, 220) should shine.

Look for Breinig to improve upon his record of 99-33-3 at Sahuaro.

Of course, coach Wayne Jones and his guys at **MOUNTAIN VIEW** will do their best to defend their title. The Mountain Lions were terrific in '93, setting the 4A Conference on fire with a perfect 14-0 mark. "We met all of our expectations and then some," says Jones.

But graduation losses were heavy and how do you replace Kevin Schmidtke? Now at the University of Arizona, Schmidtke rushed for over 5,400 yards and tallied 85 touchdowns in his brilliant high school career. Those stats rank among the best ever in our state's history.

Jones still has a Schmidtke on his team, however. In fact, senior quarterback Gabe Schmidtke (5-10, 175) should be one of the better players in the 4A Kino. He had well over 1,300 yards in total offense last year.

Also back for Mountain View are RB-SE Gabe Cox (5-11, 185), TE-SE John Harshbarger (6-3, 205), OT-DT Ray Brennan (6-4, 254), OT-DT Robert Skapura (6-7, 240), junior RB-LB Bill Bala (5-10, 175), SE-S Ben Jones and junior RB-LB Brandon Nunn (5-10, 175).

A total of 18 letterwinners are back in uniform and members of last season's 7-1 JV will fill in the gaps. Mountain View is still dangerous and capable of having another big year.

Meanwhile, **SUNNYSIDE** coach Richard Sanchez is hoping his outfit

can do even better than the 7-3-1 ledger of a year ago. He has 17 lettermen returning.

Some rebuilding needs to be done, especially on defense, after 10 starters picked up their diplomas. Offensively, watch for junior QB Olen Valdez (5-10, 165), RB Adrian Romero (5-7, 155), OL Matt Ferguson (6-1, 220), OL Nacho Villanes (6-0, 230), OL Miguel Villegas (6-1, 260), REC Ernesto Mada (5-7, 150), RB Chris Saucedo (5-10, 180), REC Armando Valenzuela (6-2, 185) and junior OL Carmine Leon (5-10, 190).

Senior SS Ramon Morales (5-10, 170) and junior OLB Tommy Soto (5-10, 175) must make their presence felt with that young defense. Morales could also see some playing time at quarterback.

The region race will be very tough, but Sunnyside is well respected and certainly a playoff contender once again.

"Last year was a learning experience for us," says **CATALINA** head mentor Chuck McCollum. "We were clearly overmatched physically, but the players fought until the end. They showed a lot of pride."

This year, the goal is to post some wins. Certainly, another 0-10 campaign would be difficult to handle. But there is some cause for optimism.

Fourteen lettermen are back in Trojan colors, headed by the likes of RB-LB George Cunningham (5-10, 160), OT-DT Juan Valdez (6-4, 290), OG-DT Demarcus Lee (6-0, 250), OL-LB Leroy Godfrey (5-10, 180), FL-DE Peter Povich (5-10, 180) and junior OT-DT Mike Sheets (6-7, 270).

Coach David Given at **CATALINA FOOTHILLS** will lead his squad into their first varsity campaign in '94. It should be exciting, as the Falcons play an independent schedule made up of 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A opponents. Given's group was 4-4 last year playing at the junior varsity level.

Anticipated standouts include six juniors and two sophomores. The juniors are OT-DT Joe Brown (6-5, 240), FB-LB Mike McGinley (5-11, 190), OT-DT Erik Anderson (6-2, 245), TE-OLB Daniel Clark (6-6, 210), RB-LB Rob Copeland (5-8, 165) and C-NG Jim Massey (5-9, 210). Both QB-DB Adam Higgins (5-10, 170) and RB-SS Clint Wadlund (6-2, 175) started on the JV last year as freshmen. They have a bright future at Catalina Foothills.

4A SONORAN REGION

- 1) Tucson Sabino
- 2) Tucson Flowing Wells
- 3) Tucson Santa Rita
- 4) Tucson Cholla
- 5) Marana
- 6) Tucson Rincon
- 7) Douglas

It was quite a postseason for **SABINO**. The Sabercats upset top-ranked Peoria, 15-14 in overtime, in the quarterfinals before bowing to eventual champ Mountain View, 25-24, in the semis. As always, coach Jeff Scurran will field another fine team in '94.

Gone are the likes of Corey Hill and Jeff Saffer, but the Sabercats have 15 veterans on hand as the opening kickoff nears. "I'm optimistic," says Scurran. "We'll have more of a team approach to offense, as in '90 and '92. Depth should be good at the key positions."

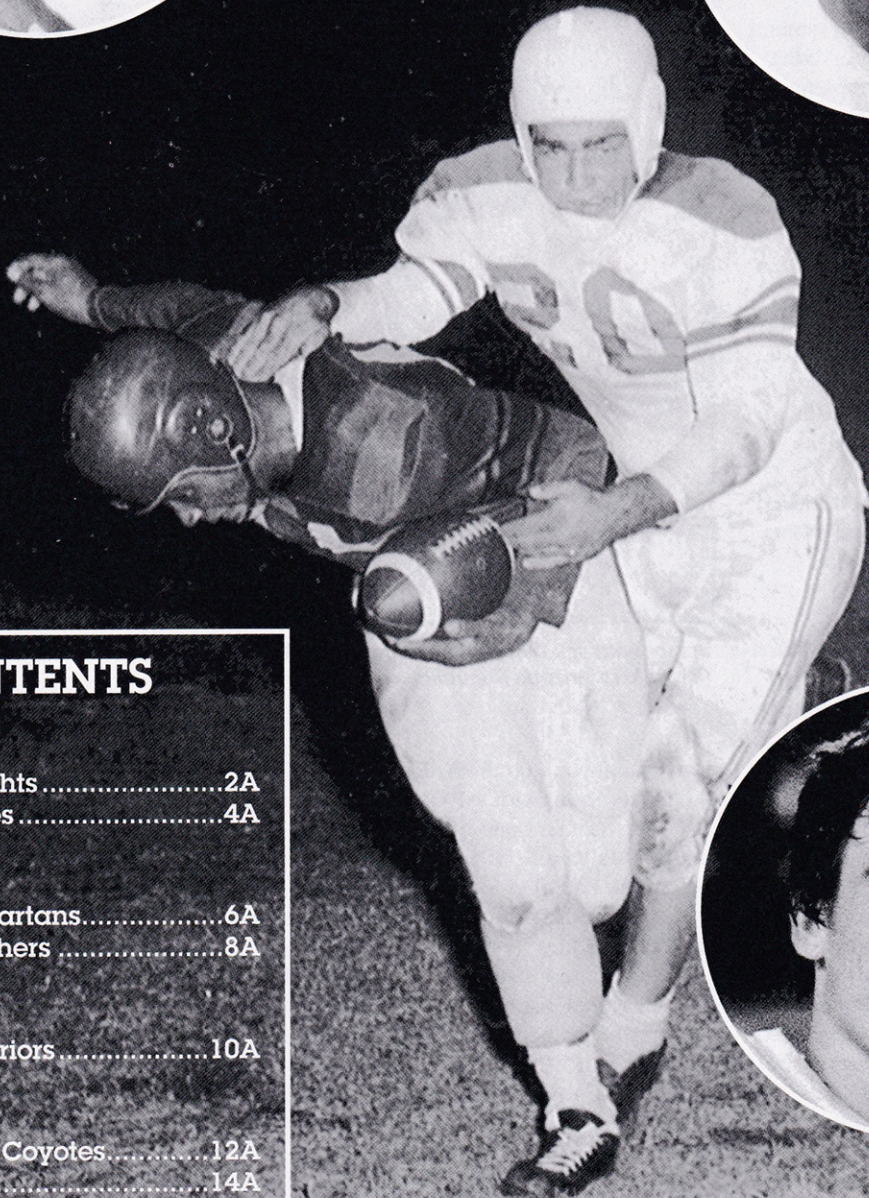
The skill positions will be manned by RB-LB Bryan Schwanenberger (6-0, 207), QB-DB Greg McFarland (5-11, 190), junior QB-DB Jeff Popovich (5-10, 160), junior RB-DB Isaac Banks (5-11, 170), junior RB-DB Derek Fleming (5-6, 160), RB-DE Jack James (5-10, 200), RB-LB Adam Thrall (5-11, 190), TE-DB Tim Smothers (6-2, 180) and WR Art Stork (5-9, 150).

The line will be spearheaded by OG-LB Brian Graves (5-11, 195), OT Chris Gordon (6-2, 250), junior OG-LB Mike Maguire (5-10, 205), DT Allen Picard (6-0, 190), DT Brad Sidio (6-0, 185), C Aron Wilson (6-1, 200) and OT Dan Zaring (6-2, 230).

Senior Tanner Nolan (6-0, 180) figures to handle the placekicking chores. Newcomers with potential are WR Eric Buben, C Mark Delich, WR Robert Gensler, DE Danny Johnson, LB Matt Gorczyca, DT Jarett Limanni, DE Brian Lenneman, DT David Mahon, WR-DB Gordon Gonzalez and RB Scott McCray.

"We have seven starters back on offense and nine starters back on defense," says John Kashner at **FLOWING WELLS**. "We need to develop a quarterback, but we have

Yesterday's Heroes



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10 YEARS AGO (1984)

A Knight to Remember

Quarterback Steve Belles was all smiles on December 7, 1984. He wasn't alone. It was another historic night for St. Mary's proud football tradition. The offense came alive in the second half and buried Tucson Sahuaro, 31-14 at Arizona Stadium in Tucson.

A crowd of 12,500 watched the Knights win their first state football crown since 1968. The state champs finished 12-2, while Sahuaro, the second seed from the AAA South, ended 9-5. St. Mary's lost their opener to top-rated Tempe McClintock 14-9, but beat the Chargers in a rematch in the semifinals, 24-7.

Belles, the Knights' all-state field general who later signed with Notre Dame, didn't have one of his better nights, completing seven of 15 passes for 88 yards. But his teammates on defense picked off a title game record five passes, returning one for a score. Rohber Bradford intercepted three.

St. Mary's, which won its sixth state championship, scored from everywhere on the field. Junior halfback Derryll Harris dashed 57 yards for a touchdown, junior Mike Cortright kicked a 33-yard field goal, Rohber Bradford returned a pass interception 40 yards, and junior Reggie McGill caught two scoring strikes from Belles.

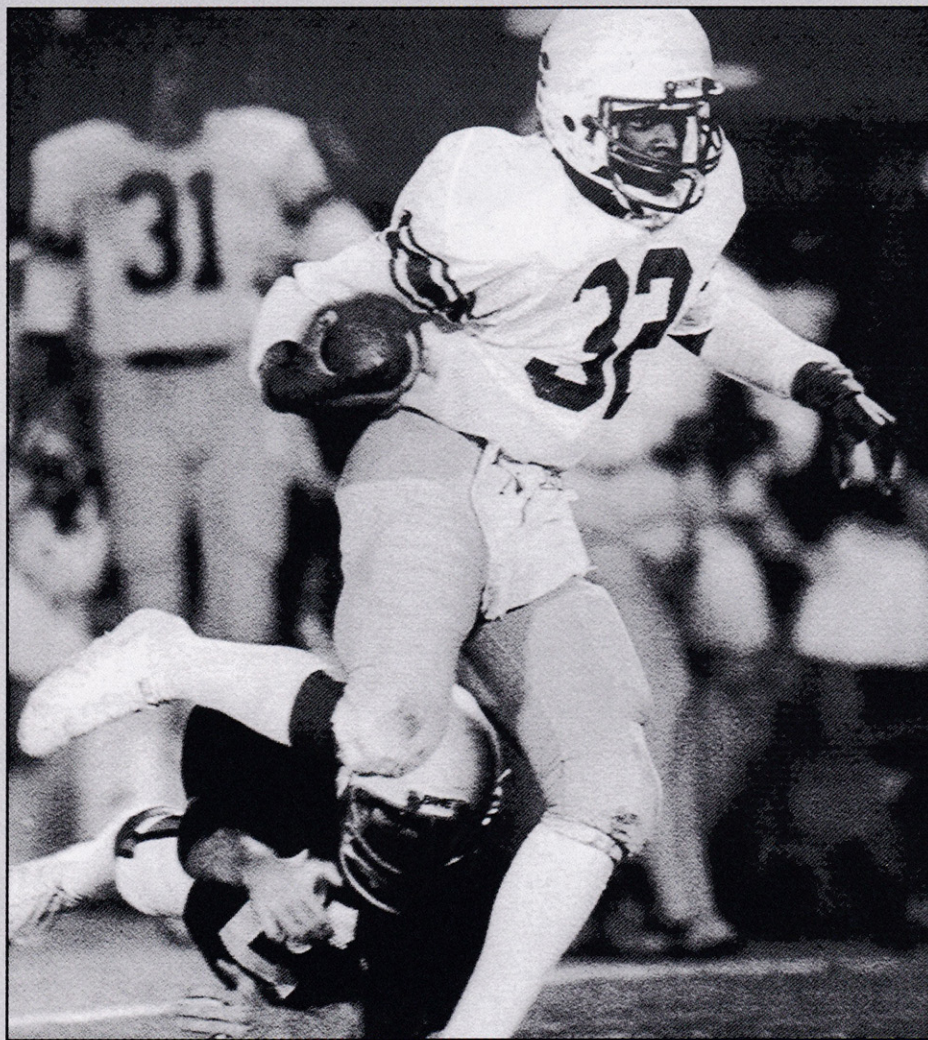
On the season, Belles passed for a school record 2,233 yards. Cortright kicked a record 11 field goals and 45 extra points. The Knights' secondary intercepted a school-record 28 enemy passes.

"We won it on defense, no doubt about it," said Pat Farrell, the Knights' head coach since 1978. "The kids weren't really sharp on offense, but they did the job when they had to on defense."

Farrell knew a little about defense. In 1968, as a senior at St. Mary's, he intercepted nine passes for a state championship team coached by Ed Doherty. When Doherty stepped down after the 1970 campaign, Farrell soon became an assistant under Pat Lavin. He landed the head job in 1978.

Against Sahuaro, the biggest defensive play of the night came with 45 seconds left in the first half, and St. Mary's leading 10-0. The Cougars had driven to the Knights' 4-yard line. Three running plays moved the ball to within inches of the goal, where Sahuaro faced a fourth-and-goal situation.

Fullback Ronnie Pearce, a 6-3, 230-pounder, tried to bull up the middle, but was met behind the goal by linebacker



Junior halfback Derryll Harris scores St. Mary's first touchdown against Tucson Sahuaro. (Ken Akers/Arizona Republic)

Hans Laughner, and the Knights escaped to the locker room with a 10-point lead.

"That was the bottom-line key right there," said Farrell. "If they score right before the half, they go into a juiced-up locker room, and they come out in the second half fired up."

It was a great state championship goal-line stand, not just in terms of points, but in terms of momentum. Sahuaro head coach Howard Breinig, once a starting guard at the University of Arizona, agreed. "I think we would have done a lot better if we had gotten it in," he said. "We just killed ourselves with mistakes. They're a fine team, especially defensively."

St. Mary's was able to control Sahuaro's so-called "Black Offense," a shotgun forma-

tion with no running backs, until the fourth quarter. The Cougars rallied behind the passing of Brad Chilcote and the receiving of Steve Martin, scoring twice after St. Mary's took a 31-0 lead.

Chilcote threw 40 times, completing 18 for 282 yards and one score. All-state receiver Martin was dazzling in defeat. An all-state outfielder in baseball who later started in both sports at Arizona State, he caught 12 passes for 224 yards, splitting two defenders in the end zone for a 32-yard score. Moments later, he dove for a 30-yard catch at the 1-yard line, setting up Sahuaro's other score.

"That was one of the best catches I've ever seen," added Farrell.

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10 YEARS AGO (1984)

Flagstaff's Record Run

Sometimes, one big play makes a difference. For the Flagstaff Eagles, one big play put them in the record book. For runnerup Peoria, it was heartbreak hotel.

Flagstaff survived a bizarre fourth quarter, then capped the night with a wild post-game victory celebration, after edging Peoria 7-0 in the 1984 Class 4A championship game.

Players hoisted head coach Rick Smith onto their shoulders, then joined fans in celebrating the Eagles' fourth consecutive state title. Since the A.I.A. adopted the present playoff format in 1959, no school in Arizona had won four straight football crowns.

Flagstaff scored the game's only touchdown in the second quarter, when wingback Ty Van Dyke took a pitchout from quarterback Bert Gough, stopped, and threw a 47-yard touchdown strike to Brian Zanzucchi.

"I thought the only thing we could do to loosen up their defense would be a trick play," said Smith, who would step down after compiling an .881 winning percentage. With Smith in charge, the Eagles went 11-1, 12-0-1, 9-3, 11-1 and 9-2-1 with the win over Peoria.

The player who got the most handshakes was senior defensive back Kevin Gould. The Eagles were nursing a 7-0 lead when his interception at the Flag 10-yard line with 1:10 to play killed Peoria's hopes.

"This is disappointing," said Peoria head coach Mark Matheson. "I thought that screen pass was a good call, but evidently it wasn't. As far as their touchdown, Smith always has something up his sleeve, and it worked."

Junior halfback David Winsley, the state's leading rusher with 2,183 yards, gained 108 yards on 22 carries. The game should have matched two of the best backs in 4A ball, but Peoria's Marlo Cobos, who gained 265 yards in the semis against Coconino, missed the second half with a foot injury.

One week earlier, Winsley, the smallest player on the field at 5-feet-7, carried 27 times for 248 yards and two touchdowns (71 and 66 yards), as Flag upset top-ranked Gilbert 17-9. The win avenged a 24-13 loss to the Tigers four weeks earlier. In that game, Gilbert held Winsley to less than 100 yards for the first time that year.

Winsley had gotten the Eagles off on the right foot when he scored three times



Junior David Winsley, the state's leading rusher with 2,183 yards, gained 108 yards on 22 carries against Peoria. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

in the quarterfinals, a 31-7 win over Kingman. The two schools had tied 14-14 in September. Two weeks into the season, the three-time defending state champs were 1-1 on the field, having beaten Snowflake 35-8, then dropping a 14-3 contest to Prescott in the Walkup Skydome. In fact, Flag's loss to Gilbert was also at home in the Dome.

Tuba City then fell 49-6, and Kingman battled the Eagles to a tie when Winsley went out at half with a thigh injury. Mingus Union and Marana were 46-0 and 35-6 victims respectively, followed by the loss to Gilbert. Flag crushed Window Rock 40-8, setting up a key game with city rival Coconino.

One year earlier, 14,000 fans watched Coconino's Audie McKee pass for 354 yards and four touchdowns, as the

Panthers prevailed 27-25. The Eagles couldn't stop Coconino receiver Phillip Miller, who caught 10 passes for 230 yards and two scores. For the second year in a row, Flag would go on to win the state championship, without being champs of their own city.

But in '84 the worm turned. Winsley rushed for 175 yards and the Eagles prevailed in the final regular season game, 21-3. However, both schools advanced, with Coconino falling to Gilbert in the semis; Flag going all the way.

Besides Winsley, the Eagles landed four players on the all-state football squad: Tight end Zanzucchi, one of the heroes of the state title game, guard Chris Quayle, defensive lineman Adam Holmes and linebacker Rob Greve.



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EAGLES 35, Marana 6

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EAGLES 21, Coconino 3
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EAGLES 17, Gilbert 9
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20 YEARS AGO (1974)

Camelback Had the Touch

Magic Mark Whipple had the touch. So did the rest of the Camelback Spartans. Right down to the waterboy. Just ask Buena High from Sierra Vista, or Phoenix St. Mary's. Or any of the 12 victims on the Spartans' 1974 schedule.

In 1973, a young Camelback High squad, coached by a young Jesse Parker, advanced all the way to the Class AAA finals, only to lose 22-20 to Tucson Palo Verde. The game was played before 17,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

Junior Mark Whipple, the Spartans' young signal caller, walked off the field dejected, but with a burning desire to come back. One year later he returned to the big stadium, but first in the state semifinals, as part of a doubleheader on the same soil.

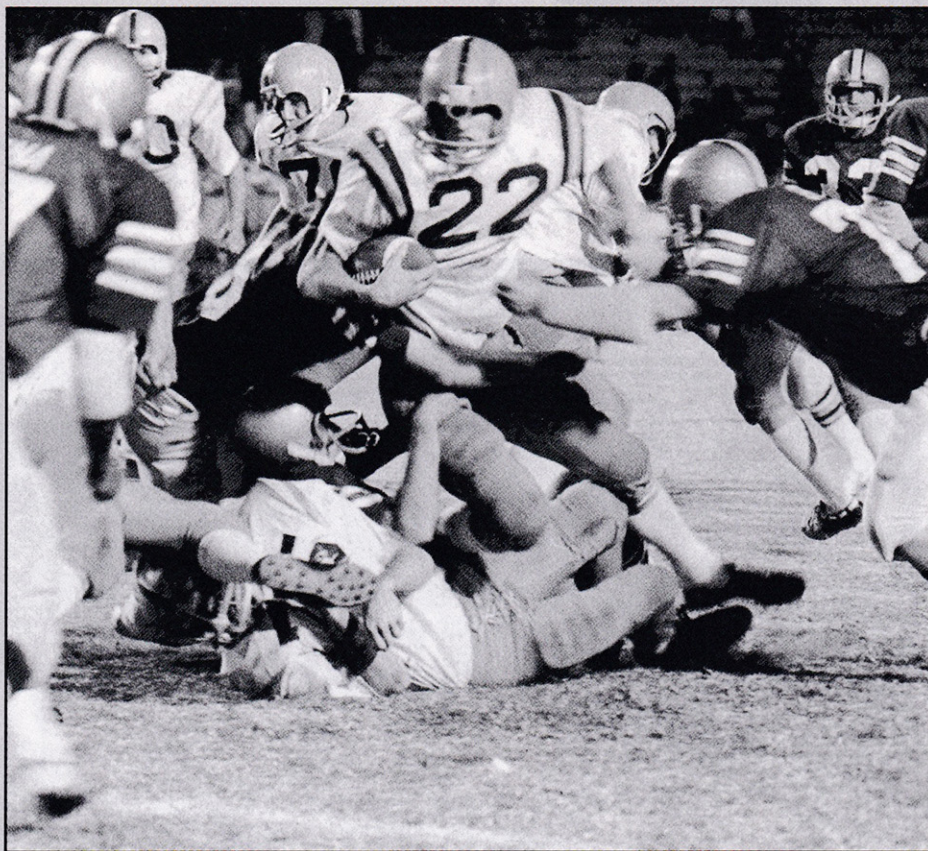
The two-game shootout drew 21,000 fans, then a prep football record for Arizona. First up was top-rated Tempe Marcos de Niza and Phoenix St. Mary's. The feisty Knights, led by junior halfback David Mitchell, upset the Padres 28-14, advancing to the finals.

In the later game, Camelback, with QB Whipple faking or handing to Randy Palmer, Rick Hancock or Roger Overton, had the Colts leaning the wrong way on every play, and the Spartans coasted to a 34-7 halftime lead. Buena, with terrific receiver Tyrone Peterson scoring twice, made it look closer than reality, 34-21 when the gun sounded.

The following week, on a wet field at A-State, 17,000 braved a damp night and watched a classic matchup, won by Camelback 22-20. It was the same score they had lost to Palo Verde by the year before.

The two Phoenix schools battled evenly, the only surprise being Camelback's accuracy through the air. The Spartans' ground strength made the pass unnecessary during the season, but against St. Mary's, Whipple was right on target, connecting on one TD strike and an important two-point conversion.

Camelback took the first lead when Whipple hit Mark DeGrow on a 17-yard touchdown play. However, Wally Zink's extra point missed. St. Mary's, coached by Pat Lavin, came right back as quarterback Chris Skelly scored from the one. Greg Gamez's PAT was good and the Knights led 7-6.



Randy Palmer eludes Buena defenders for a big Spartan gain in a big Spartan win - 34-21 over the Colts, before 21,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium (Dave Rigg photo).

But the Spartans roared back, taking the lead on Jim Keller's short run, set up by Whipple's 22 yard scramble. His two-point strike to DeGrow followed. But St. Mary's struck quickly, as Kelly hit all-state end Speedy Hart for a score. Camelback came back again, with Overton scoring from the two. Then came a key play. Zink's extra point missed again, but St. Mary's was off-side. Overton then scored and Camelback led 22-14.

With little time remaining, St. Mary's went the length of the field, and Mitchell scored on a sweep. A two-point pass attempt failed, but Hart, just a junior, recovered an on-side kick at the Spartans' 49. However, the come-back failed seconds later when St. Mary's fumbled and Camelback ran out the clock.

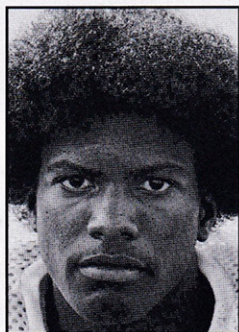
If was the Phoenix school's first state football crown in three previous tries. In 1964, the Spartans fell to Mesa Westwood 10-7 in the large school finals, and in 1967 were beaten by St. Mary's 20-14 in the semis.

For the young Parker, who was assisted by Bill Saunders, Ernie Hawkins, Gerry Clyne and Dale O'Dell, it concluded his sixth year at the Phoenix school. Prior to that he was a junior varsity coach at Phoenix Union under Saunders. Parker graduated from East Central State College in Oklahoma in 1963, with a degree in American History. He then became an assistant coach at Amarillo Caprock in Texas, and later attended Kansas University between 1967-68.

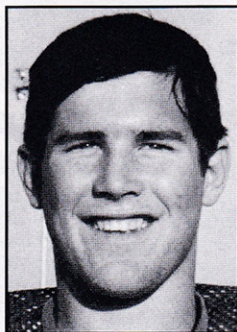
At the conclusion of the '74 campaign, Parker's won-loss record at Camelback was 42 wins, 23 losses, one tie. His teams won three league crowns. The win over St. Mary's gave his club a 12-0-1 record. They were tied by Maryvale, 20-20.

The popular Spartan coach would last one more season in the Phoenix Union School District, finishing 5-6 in 1975, before being hired to build the new program at Mountain View High School in Mesa.

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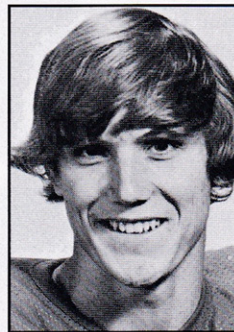
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1986 Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside
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1984 Steve Belles, Phoenix St. Mary's
1983 John Walker, Tempe Marcos de Niza
1982 Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (jr)
1981 Steve Stallworth, Yuma
1980 Trent Hutchinson, South Mountain
1979 Lloyd Coker, Phoenix Central
1978 Kevin Smith, Scottsdale Saguaro (jr)
1977 Mike Pagel, Phoenix Washington
1976 Greg Brady, Scottsdale Coronado
1975 Jim Krohn, Tucson Amphi
1974 Mark Whipple, Phoenix Camelback
1973 Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado
1972 Greg Hubbell, Phoenix Central
1971 Fred Mortensen, Tempe
1970 Fred Mortensen, Tempe (jr)
1969 Danny White, Mesa Westwood
1968 Bill Mannion, Phoenix St. Mary's
1967 Ken Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1966 John Svob, Tucson Catalina
1965 George Mattingly, Scottsdale Arcadia
1964 Dave Grangaard, Phoenix Camelback

1963 Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria
1962 Timmy Flood, Phoenix Brophy Prep
1961 Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
1960 Gary Deak, Scottsdale Arcadia
1959 Eddie Bricker, Miami
1958 John Power, Phoenix Camelback
1957 Eddie Wilson, Chandler
1956 Carlos Rodriguez, Morenci
1955 Jim Wolf, Yuma
1954 Ralph Hunsaker, Mesa
1953 Clyde Nielson, North Phoenix (jr)
1952 Pat Flood, Tucson
1951 Vaughn Patterson, North Phoenix (jr)
1950 James Black, Phoenix Union
1949 Buster Madariaga, Round Valley
1948 Don Ahee, Tucson
1947 Dan Russell, Mesa
1946 Gus Headington, Yuma
1945 Manuel Aja, Glendale
1944 Charles Beall, Mesa
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1942 Fred Enke, Jr., Tucson

FRED ENKE, JR., a three-sport star at Tucson High and the University of Arizona, was the first Arizona schoolboy to start at quarterback in the NFL. He played with Detroit (1948-51), Philadelphia (1952) and Baltimore (1953-54).

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20 YEARS AGO (1974)

The Panthers Go Back-To-Back

All season long, Douglas High School, coached by Ken Sawin, rode the wing of sophomore quarterback Tony Cortez Rose, and the legs of running backs Victor Melendez and Bobby Lewis. Young Rose, in 11 games, passed for 1,623 yards and 20 touchdowns, impressive stats for a sophomore.

But in the 1974 Class AA finals, youth took a back seat to experience. Standing in the Bulldogs way was defending state champ Flagstaff Coconino. The Panthers, experienced in championship play, also rode the strong arm of a sophomore quarterback, Marty McKee.

When the defending champs dropped a 7-6 midseason tussle to Winslow, head coach Bill Epperson brought up his young field general to run the offense. He performed like a vet. But his assignment was easy. All he had to do was hand the ball to tailback Ray Smith.

"Last year, Smith was primarily a running quarterback, anyway," said Epperson, who guided the Panthers to state crowns in both 1968 and 1973. "But he was able to run only a few basic plays from that position. With Ray at tailback we can run more plays, and besides, our new QB is a better passer."

It would be nearly impossible to find a back to match what Ray Smith did in only seven games. Starting with the finals, the 5-9, 170-pound senior set a state title game record by rushing for 243 yards, and Coconino won its second straight crown, 21-14. On the season, Smith totaled 2,002 yards rushing and passing, as the Black Cats finished 10-1. (In a losing effort in the finals, Rose hit 12 of 24 passes for 171 yards and one touchdown.)

"Smith was the whole show," said a dejected Sawin, after his 'Dogs were buried by Smith's yardage and a heartbreaking 83-yard run with a recovered fumble. (In 1968, Coconino won its first state crown when Rick Brenfleck ran 85 yards with a fumble in a 6-0 win over Flowing Wells.) "We couldn't stop him. But the fumble killed us. In big games, you try and keep fumbles to a minimum. Much less let somebody pick one up and go 85 the other way."

But Smith was not the whole show, and Coconino heroes were plenty. Receiver Rick DeCosmo, tackle Marvin Hatcher, and linebacker Blake Heap, to name a few, made life miserable for Panther foes for two years.

Prior to the playoffs, Coconino faced an



Tailback Ray Smith, switched from quarterback at midseason, rushed for a title game record 243 yards and two touchdowns.

early pressure-cooker in their annual battle with Flagstaff High. Close to 5,000 fans watched the heavily-favored Panthers use Smith's 208 yards rushing to break a 7-7 halftime deadlock. The Eagles finished 6-4 on the season. Coconino later became the first Flagstaff school to win 10 football games.

Epperson, as a high school player, played halfback on a 6-man football team at Valley Union High in Elfrida. After graduation in 1957, he enrolled at the University of Arizona and joined the frosh football team.

"That was quite a change," Epperson said years later. "Going from a Class C school which played 6-man ball to the University of Arizona's freshman team."

One year later he transferred to Northern Arizona University, where he started as a defensive back for Max Spilsbury. In 1967, he became the Panthers' first head coach, after spending five years as an assistant at Flagstaff High.

"At Coconino we emphasize defense," he said in '74. "As long as we have solid defensive units we figure to have a winning season."

Many all-state performers have walked the halls at CHS, but Epperson claims none had the all-round ability or competitive spirit of his talented tailback. "I have never worked with a youngster of Ray Smith's ability," declared the head coach. "No matter what his size, Ray was one of the finest high school athletes I've seen. Believe me, he could have played for anybody. He could have started in Camelback's backfield, East High's backcourt or Tucson Sahuaros' infield."

"Youngsters like him don't come along every year. Having athletes like him makes coaching worthwhile. There's room for the little guy in the world of sports. I hope he gets his chance."

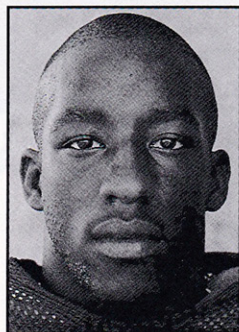
He did. For two years he was a starting defensive back for the nearby Lumberjacks, intercepting six passes during a successful two-year varsity career. Today he is the head football coach at Kingman High.

Epperson left Coconino five years after Smith, compiling an 85-40-1 career mark in 13 lucky seasons.

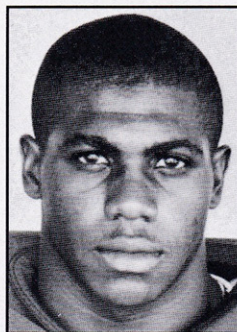
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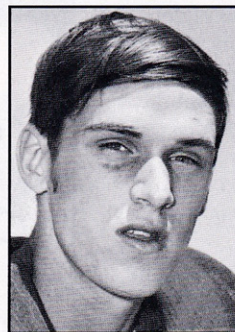
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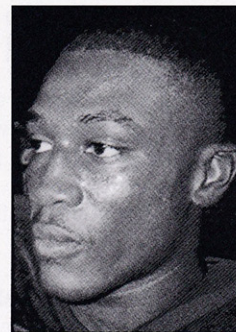
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1984David Winsley, Flagstaff (jr)
1983Paul Kasprzyk, Mesa Mountain View
1982Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria
1981Stan Gill, Flagstaff
1980Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside
1979Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside (jr)
1978Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz
1977Alvin Moore, Coolidge
1976Willard Reeves, Flagstaff Coconino
1975Brian Felix, Phoenix Union
1974David Mitchell, Phoenix St. Mary's (jr)
1973Ronnie Bonner, Mesa Westwood (jr)
1972Jesse Parker, Tucson Rincon
1971Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union
1970Don Washington, Agua Fria (jr)
1969Benny Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz
1968Joe Petroschus, Tucson
1967Tim Smith, Phoenix St. Mary's
1966Bob Soza, Mesa Westwood
1965Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz

1964LeRoy Peoples, Marana
1963James Dugan, Flagstaff
1962Everett "Moose" Rollins, Scottsdale Arcadia
1961Andy Livingston, Mesa
1960Jim Sims, Tucson
1959Bob Olson, South Mountain
1958Lewis Albright, Scottsdale
1957Clay Freney, Globe
1956Warren Livingston, Mesa
1955George Greathouse, Phoenix Union
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1953Kenny Aycock, North Phoenix
1952Joel Favara, Tucson
1951Hadley Hicks, Bisbee
1950Don Beasley, Mesa
1949Danny Seivert, Phoenix St. Mary's
1948Gib Dawson, Douglas
1947Marvin Wahlin, Casa Grande
1946Whizzer White, Mesa
1945Whizzer White, Mesa (jr)
1944Lowell McDonald, Glendale
1943Fred Batiste, Tucson

WHIZZER WHITE, a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.

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30 YEARS AGO (1964)

"Mutt" Ford's Last Hurrah!

Grinning from ear to ear, lean-jawed, 54-year-old Edgar "Mutt" Ford looked like a kid with a new toy, as he darted around the roaring Westwood dressing room.

"How does it feel to win your eighth state championship?" asked Verne Boatner of *The Arizona Republic*.

"Every one is more of a thrill than the last," answered Ford. "Our whole defense needs a pat on the back. It played like pros down on the goal line. And it had to. Camelback's the best overall team we've met."

The locker room was in Tempe, where young Mesa Westwood, with their first senior class, had just beaten Phoenix Camelback 10-7, at Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium.

The victory, played before 18,000 spectators, was the 13th straight for Westwood (12-0). Camelback had a 16-game winning string scissored.

"Hey coach, how about that?" shouted guard Rudy Santa Cruz, whose first field goal of the season was the difference.

"We didn't play our best on offense, but they've got a tough defense, too," praised Warrior quarterback David Cummard.

Ron Hendrix, Camelback's All-American linebacker who later signed with ASU, drew praise from the state champs. "I think Hendrix and the rest hit me twice as hard as anybody we've played," sighed Ric Watson, one of Westwood's ace backs. "They have a great ball team."

Frustration etched deeply into the face of Don Baker, the crew-cut, boyish-looking Spartan coach who later became an assistant at ASU under Frank Kush. He watched a penalty wipe out one touchdown and a later Camelback drive stopped six inches from the goal line.

"We should have beaten them - we should have beaten them," he muttered. "But they were tough when they had to be. They had a good ball club down on the goal line ... but we still should have beaten them."

The win climaxed a meteoric rise to athletic prominence for Westwood, in only its second year of varsity ball, and gave their legendary head coach another championship crown. Ford previously won one state title at Glendale and six at Mesa.

Santa Cruz came in with :38 left in the first period to boot a 23-yard field goal. His three-pointer, which gave Westwood a 10-0 lead, was set up by one of four pass interceptions thrown by Camelback quarterback



During a 20-13 win, senior Bill Bailey, one of Westwood's ace backs, cuts back against Scottsdale Arcadia for a 35-yard touchdown run.

Dave Grangaard.

The Warriors advanced to the finals with an impressive 20-0 shutout of unbeaten Tucson Salpointe, played before 12,000 fans in Tucson. Two-way tackle Richard Griffin, also a prep All-American, and his Warrior teammates held Herbie Jones, the Lancers' bruising all-state fullback, to 49 yards on 15 carries. Jones was the state's top scorer during regular season play. During the game Westwood lost fullback Jim Boubelik to a broken leg.

With backs Watson and Bill Bailey showing the way, Westwood started strong, beating tough Scottsdale High 14-0 in the season opener. It would be Scottsdale's only loss. Eight weeks into the season, Ford's boys were unbeaten and ready to face Mesa, his old school. The Warriors prevailed 14-7, springing Boubelik loose for both touchdowns, played before a packed house at old Jackrabbit Stadium, near downtown Mesa.

One week later, Westwood survived a 20-13 thriller with Scottsdale Arcadia, thanks to a 73-yard scoring dash by Bailey. The Warriors closed out the regular season with a 21-0 win over Phoenix Maryvale.

Although Ford would coach two more years in the system, his '64 club was his

last championship squad. Dave Gates and Roger Hightower were his assistants.

Ironically, it was Ford's first unbeaten team since 1943, when his last Glendale squad finished 8-0 during a war-shortened schedule. He never coached an unbeaten, untied team at Mesa High.

His last game was a real thriller. In 1966, the Warriors fell to Tucson High, 14-7 in the state finals, also played at Sun Devil Stadium. He never coached in the system again, and died April 11, 1975, at home in Mesa after a long illness.

With head coaching stints at Peoria, Coolidge, Glendale, Mesa and Westwood, Ford won 227 games, lost 64 and tied 17. He was the 1960 National Coach of the Year. As time marches on and more coaches surpass his records, one thing can never be taken away from him - an incredible record against Texas and California schools.

Ford was 10-0 against California powerhouses, including a surprising 40-13 win over Southern CIF champ Compton Centennial in 1954. Between 1945-49, his Mesa High teams were 6-3-1 against Texas schools, all from El Paso.

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Thirty years ago Coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford's Warriors went undefeated. This fall the Mesa City Sports Hall of Fame will pay tribute to the team, its members and accomplishments. In addition to the tribute to the '64 team, many Mesa athletes will be inducted in the Hall of Fame. The banquet is open to the public. If you'd like information about attendance, please call for details, 898-5665, ext. 1480.

40 YEARS AGO (1954)

Phoenix Union's Golden Year

Once it was the largest high school in the West. Located in the city's core, with 15,000-seat Montgomery Stadium located next door, the Coyotes drew larger crowds to sporting events than Arizona State University.

Between 1895, when the doors opened, and 1981, when they closed, few high schools in the western United States matched Phoenix Union's record.

The Coyotes, with an enrollment as high as 6,320 students in 1963, won over 100 state championships in team sports. Exactly 25 in football. Historically, their 1930 club was its best. They finished 12-0 and beat teams from five different states, including Colorado powerhouse Fort Collins in a post season game in Phoenix. The National Sports News Service in Minneapolis rated that Coyote squad best in the nation.

But in 1954, several major events took place. The Phoenix Union High School District integrated its system, closed Carver High, and moved all its students to Phoenix Union. The Coyotes' enrollment went from 3,656 to 3,973. One year later Tech High closed and Phoenix had 5,819 students on its biggest campus.

The school became a national power in sports overnight. But one of the school's great accomplishments was thrust into the background. Its splendid example of interracial unity.

Unlike the 1957 nightmare at Central High in Little Rock, Arkansas, which led to President Eisenhower sending in federal troops to keep the peace, the merger of all-black Carver High with Union was a success. Along with the merger came an incredible collection of talented athletes - like George Greathouse.

The task was undertaken by head coach Sam Winningham, whose opening game in '54 was the first public display of how the merger worked. It worked fine. A 41-7 win over Yuma, sparked by a punt return by Greathouse, started a two-year glory trail in which Union won back-to-back football crowns.

One week later, Greathouse scored three times, Vic Sanchez and Sylvester Mabry once, and all-state guard Al Carr was a terror on the line, as the Coyotes' crushed rival St. Mary's 37-13, before 8,000 fans at Montgomery Stadium. Carr was a fearless competitor with great quickness.

"It was a great lesson in life for all of us



Against Tucson Amphitheater, junior George Greathouse rushed for 177 yards and scored three touchdowns, one an 85-yarder, during a 34-8 win.

involved," Carr said later. "We battled each other to make the teams, joked together and became friends. I felt the coaches' decisions were always fair."

Greathouse scored the lone touchdown in the only blemish on the Coyotes' schedule, a 7-7 tie with Redlands, California. Two weeks later in Bakersfield, against one of California's most historic football programs, George scored three times (again), Moe Watson dashed 80 yards, and Don Rhinehard tossed a TD strike to Sherman Gile as Phoenix drilled Bakersfield's famed Drillers, 33-14.

In the last meeting between the two schools, Phoenix Tech fell 33-0; Tucson was crushed 34-7, returning the historic Francis Siegel Memorial Trophy to the Coyotes' den; then Mesa fell 13-7 in a defensive battle, played before 11,000 fans in Phoenix on a Thursday night. Union's defense was superb in stopping the Jackrabbits' all-state duo of quarterback

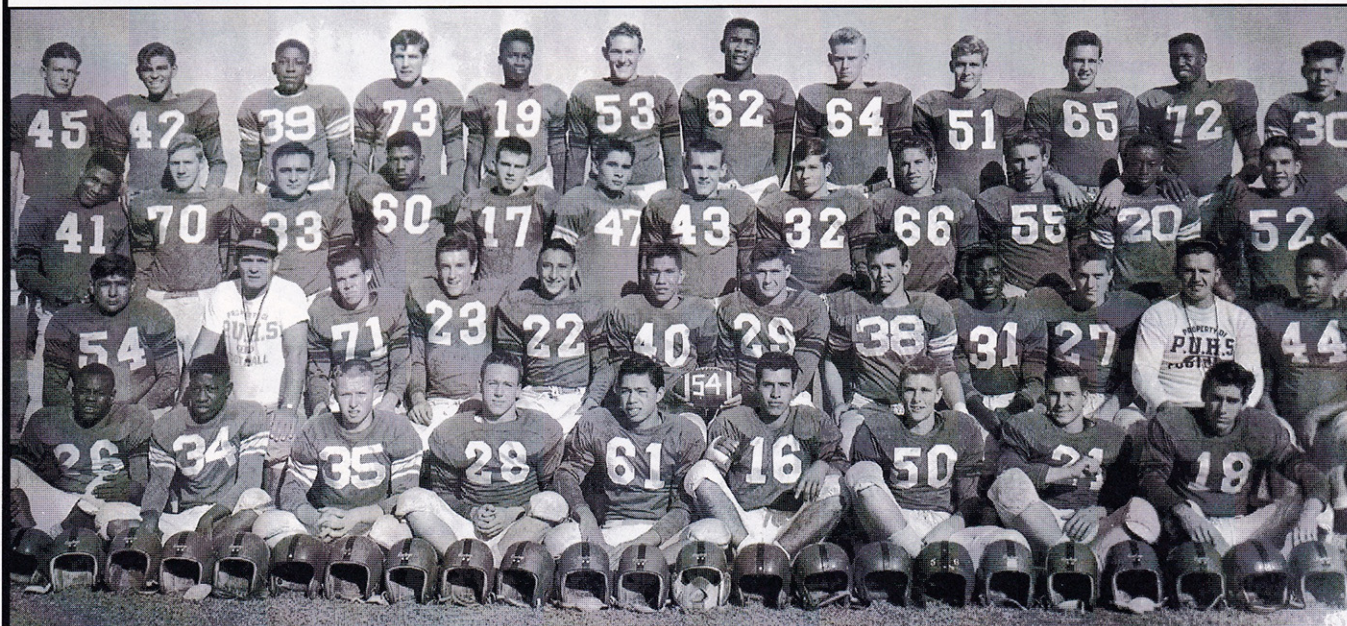
Ralph Hunsaker and tailback Warren Livingston. It was that Mesa squad, coached by Edgar "Mutt" Ford, which blitzed eventual Southern California champ Compton Centennial, 40-13.

After a 36-13 win over West High, followed by a 34-8 victory over Tucson Amphi, the stage was set for the annual Thanksgiving Day clash with North. An afternoon crowd of 13,500 watched Greathouse score once, and throw a TD strike to Ken Ramsey, for a 14-7 Coyote win.

The Coyotes finished with a 9-0-1 record. Greathouse, only a junior, scored 22 touchdowns and earned All-America honors. Teammates Sanchez and Carr joined him on the all-state team. In Minneapolis, the National Sports News Service ranked Phoenix Union No. 7 in its U.S.A. prep poll. No. 1 went to Vallejo, California, with its All-America tailback Dick Bass.

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40 YEARS AGO (1954)

Bisbee's Race For The Pick

To Stop in Bisbee is to stop in time. Located in the Mule Mountains of south-eastern Arizona, Bisbee has maintained an Old World charm, seldom found anywhere in the West.

The town is full of Old West history and copper mining lore. Old miners' boarding houses have been refurbished into eating establishments. Former saloons are now quaint shops, antique stores or art galleries. The Queen Mine Tour, a trip down into the town's historic copper mine, reveals one of the nation's largest inactive mines. Then there's the Lavender Pit Open Mine, also one of the nation's largest.

World famous Brewery Gulch, which in its heyday boasted upwards of 47 saloons and was considered the "liveliest spot between El Paso and San Francisco," is a popular visitor stop.

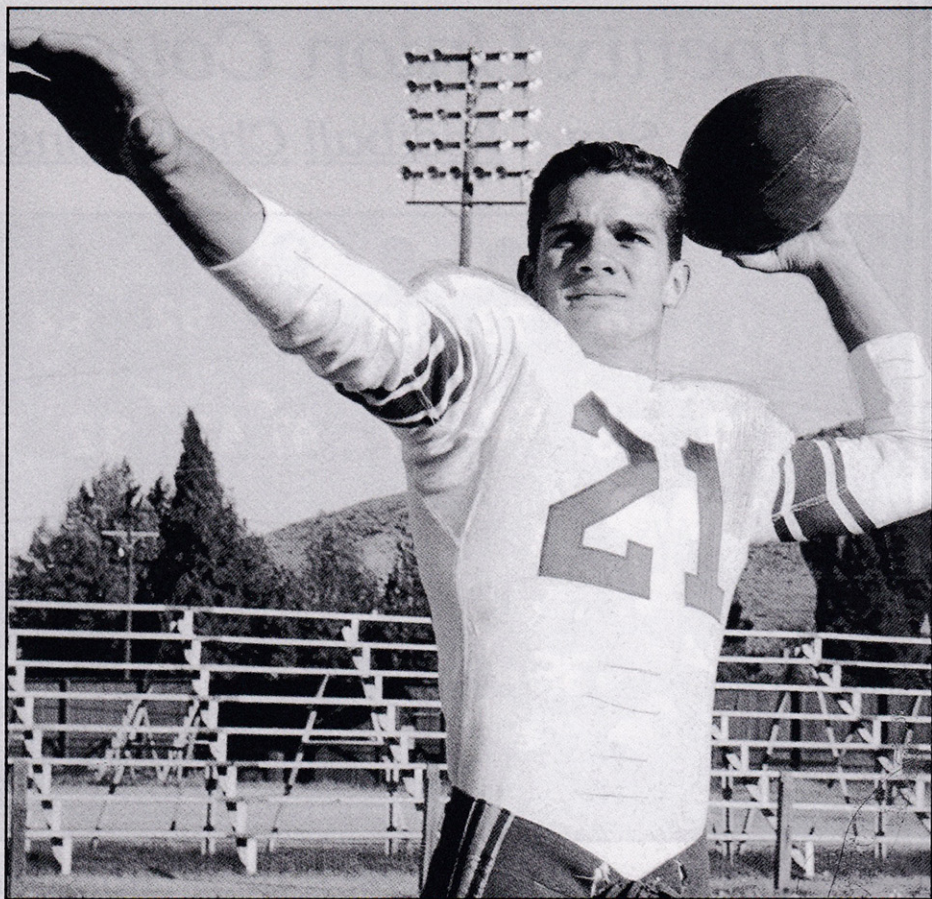
But for years, another popular stop was Warren Stadium, home field for the local high school, the Bisbee Pumas. When Brewery Gulch was rockin' Warren was roarin'. Especially on Friday nights. Especially on Thanksgiving Day, when the Pumas clashed with bitter rival Douglas. Especially when the Pumas were strong in football. Especially in 1954, when Bisbee ruled football in southern Arizona.

Led by junior quarterback Teddy Sorich, and coached by legendary Max Spilsbury, the Pumas started their record run on Sept. 17, with a stunning 12-6 upset of state power Tucson High, played at Warren. Tucson, a Class AA school with 5,765 students, was stopped in its tracks by the feisty Class A school.

The slick ball handling and passing of Sorich, and the tough running of Brian Phillips and David Ruiz, spelled doom for the Badgers, one of the nation's premier football schools. One week later in Tucson, Spilsbury's crew suffered its only blemish, a scoreless tie with Amphitheater in the rain. The Pumas would not lose a football game until 1956.

Two weeks later in Casa Grande, a stout defensive effort stopped the Cougars' all-state back Junior Tate in his tracks. The All-America long jumper and sprinter would not finish the game. Bisbee finished off the Cougars 26-6.

Back at Warren, Sorich's two touchdown passes sparked a 34-0 rout of Tucson Salpointe, the big city's newest school. In a surprising 46-6 rout of Flagstaff, Sorich threw only three passes, but two went for touchdowns, one a 70-yard pass to Ruiz. Nate Hickman scored three times as the



With historic Warren Field in the background, junior quarterback Teddy Sorich cranks up his arm as the Pumas prepare for Douglas.

Pumas rushed for 409 yards.

Sorich used his toe to help kick Safford, booting five extra points, scoring once himself, and throwing a TD strike to Charles Lugo, as the 'Dogs collapsed at home, 41-7. During a 46-14 win over Ajo, the Pumas scored from everywhere on the field, including fumble recoveries of 68 yards by Eddie Verdugo and 15 yards by Lugo.

The Big Red Machine was in true form in Morenci. Luis Reyna went 36 yards with a blocked punt. Ruiz scored on a 46-yard pass interception and a 35-yard fumble return as Bisbee prevailed 59-0.

Then came the annual clash with Douglas. The game for the Copper Pick. On November 25, Thanksgiving Day, it became "Ted Sorich Day" in Douglas.

The junior field general completed six of eight passes for 139 yards and two touchdowns, including a 66-yarder to Bruce McDonald. He scored the Pumas' first two touchdowns on short runs from scrimmage, and added one extra point. It

was the 88th meeting between the two schools. Exactly 6,200 fans watched a 25-7 Puma rout, giving Bisbee a 9-0-1 record and the No. 1 ranking in the final Associated Press Class A football poll.

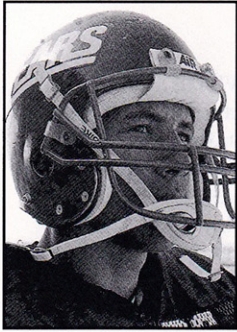
"It was a real special group," said Spilsbury, who later would become a successful head coach at Northern Arizona University. "We knew we had something special when we beat Tucson."

Young backs like Sorich were nothing new to Bisbee fans. During its once proud athletic heritage, legendary Puma backs like Johnny Salmon, Mike Shafer, "King" Beeth, Tommy Hargis, Garner Barnett, Johnny Graham, "Dixie" Redding, Bill Penn and Hadley Hicks ran roughshod through Warren Field. Many, like Sorich, became college stars.

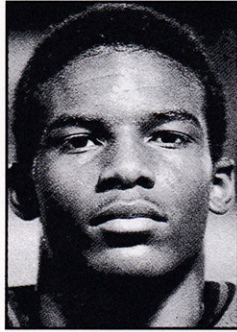
But the '54 Pumas became a special lot, posting the school's best record since 1941, when Waldo Dicus' once beaten club landed the Class B state championship.

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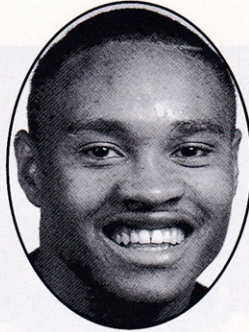
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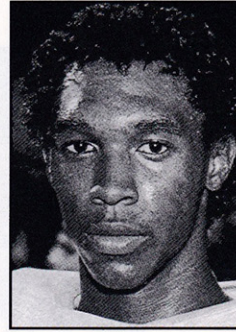
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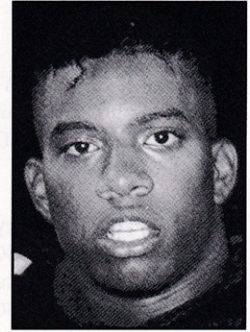
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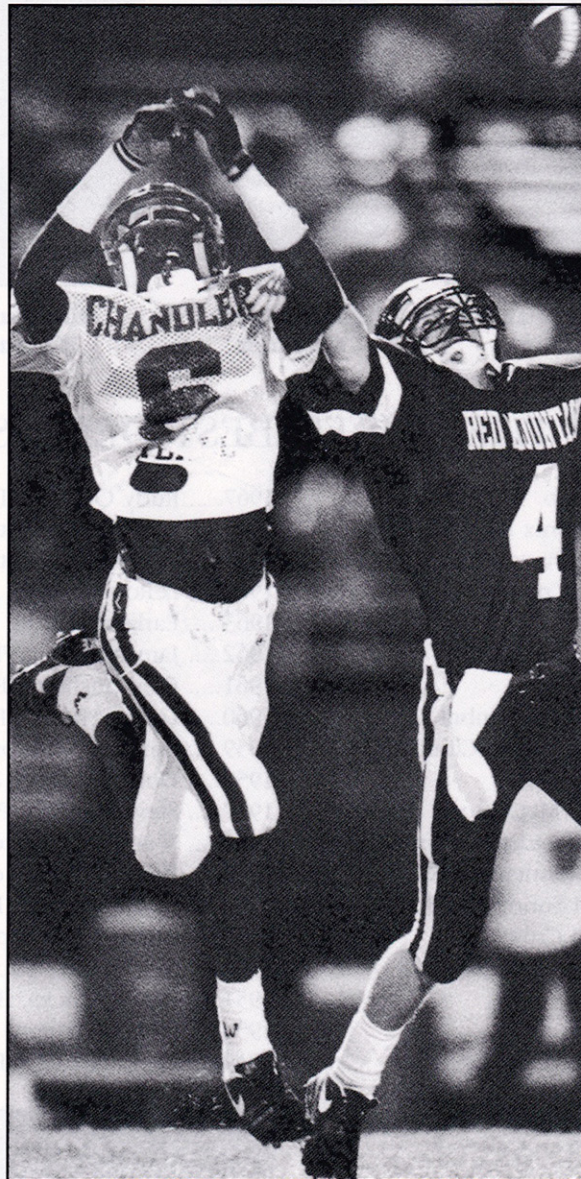


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1984TODD YOUNG
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza
1983VINCE MASTERS
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1982RANDALL McDANIEL
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Chandler's Freddie Dodson and Red Mountain's James Fischer leap for a pass in 1992 East Valley game.

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.....Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
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.....South Mountain
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.....McNary (6-man)
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.....South Mountain
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.....Phoenix Union
1958GEORGE HEARD
.....South Mountain
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the ability to be a very good team."

That means trouble for Caballero foes this year, since this club was a very respectable 8-3 in '93. In fact, FW's only losses last season were to state champion Mountain View, state runnerup Sahuaro and region champ Sabino.

Kashner expects standout performances from RB-DB Kevin Coman (5-7, 165), WR-DB Andrew Barney (5-10, 180), C-DL Josh DeSpain (6-1, 220), WR-DB Dee Tarpley (5-10, 175) and PK Derek Robinson (5-9, 160), all seniors. DeSpain was an all-region and all-city pick last year.

Also returning for the Caballeros are RB-LB Robert Hernandez (5-8, 165), QB-FS Brian Davis (6-1, 190), OL-DL Matt Willard (6-0, 190), junior TE-OLB Shawn Sandoval (6-1, 200) and OL-LB Fabian Cobos (5-10, 165).

Watch for a shootout early when Flowing Wells hosts Mountain View on August 26th.

"We played a killer schedule last year," says **SANTA RITA** coach Bob Vielledent. "We lost to five playoff teams, all on the road, including the state champion and runnerup on back-to-back weeks.

The Eagles, 6-5 in '93, may have a chance to get even this year. Nineteen lettermen are back and graduates from a JV that lost just once all year are ready to go.

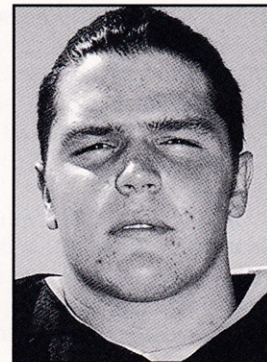
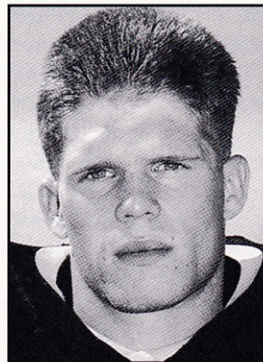
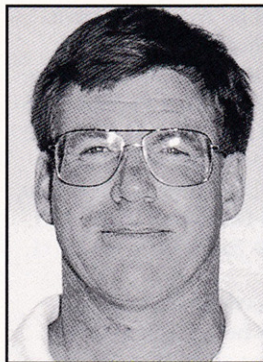
If Santa Rita is to defeat region rivals Sabino and Flowing Wells, seniors like RB-SS Bernard Walker (5-10, 180), TE-DT Montel McKinley (6-3, 250), QB-SS Jason Randels (6-2, 190), OG-NG Kevin Rudn (5-11, 190), OT-DT Rudy Huerta (6-2, 254) and FL-CB Marc Palma (6-0, 180) will have to play big. Watch for Walker to have a fine year; he's very explosive.

Other notable seniors are Jeff Delfrari, Robert Hayes, Mike Davis, Jeremy Ennis, C.J. Grijalva, Ernie Ortiz, Jason Toland, Brett Josephson, Robbie Joliffe and Josh Butler.

An impressive 20 letterwinners are back at **CHOLLA**. Improving on last year's 3-7 slate is a distinct possibility for coach Jim Yencarelli and his Chargers.

"We have matured and grown up in the offseason," claims Yencarelli. "We feel we have a good nucleus to carry us and guide us through the season."

The trio of seniors Sammy Gonzalez, Joe White and Mark Lopez must lead. Gonzalez is a 6-0, 180-



Flowing Wells head coach John Kashner (far left) is counting on senior standouts Kevin Coman and Josh DeSpain to spark the Caballeros.

pound wide receiver-defensive back with 4.6 speed. White (6-5, 280) and Lopez (6-6, 360) will anchor both lines.

Sophomore Corey Smith (5-6, 170) is quick and should be a factor in both backfields. Seniors Armando Olivas (6-2, 185) and Shawn Batiste (6-4, 175) should pace the receiving corps.

Also keep an eye on TE-LB C.J. Diaz (6-2, 225), QB Arthur Leon (6-0, 200), QB-DB Mario Alvarez (5-11, 185), junior WR-DB Daniel Morales (6-1, 170), WR-DB Vincent Turner (5-11, 180) and junior C Armando Valencia (6-0, 205).

MARANA is somewhat of a mystery team this year. Coach Mitch Elsparger did a nice job with the '93 Tigers, a club that won six times in 10 outings, despite the loss of 11 seniors.

However, Elsparger returns just eight lettermen in '94, so the rebuilding process continues. "We have some good athletes in the program," he says. "We plan on being a factor in the league race."

Foremost of the veterans are Keith Nixon (6-1, 245) and Jeff Pridgett (5-10, 185). Nixon should shine on both lines, while Pridgett has plenty of tools at running back and defensive back.

Others expected to contribute are junior OL-LB Jon Paul Leon (6-1, 215), TE-DE Shane Peterson (6-3, 210), QB-DB-P Andy Amaro (5-9, 170) and WR-DB Bennie Sanchez (5-10, 165).

Last season was not a banner year at **DOUGLAS**. "Injuries wiped out our quarterback position, as two quarterbacks went down," says coach Ron Ellsworth. "It was an uphill battle from that point on."

True, the Bulldogs were just 1-9 last fall. But more experience, in the form of 16 lettermen, should help. The leaders include OG-DT Chris Bazua (6-4, 255), WR-CB Javier Tapia (5-10,

160), SS Ronald Ellsworth (6-1, 165), OT-DT Michael Parks (6-0, 280), FB-OLB Reyes Rerdon (5-11, 187) and QB Richard Alvarado (5-10, 160).

The Bulldogs probably are still a notch below league favorites Sabino, Flowing Wells and Santa Rita, but they could finish as high as fourth, if everything falls into place properly.

Veteran coach Larry Delbridge has another good club at **COOLIDGE**. In fact, the Bears are our pick to win the 3A South in '94.

To do so, Delbridge must find some offensive linemen; he lost four starters

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there. He's in great shape as far as skill players go.

Back from his 8-2-1 team of a year ago are QB Rick La Paglia (6-0, 180), TB-DB Johnny Johnson (5-8, 165), TB-DB Floyd Reece (5-8, 160), junior FB-DL Chris Peace (6-0, 250), FL Jason McIntyre (5-9, 165) and SE-S Chris Delbridge (5-8, 140).

La Paglia was a very respectable 94-162 (58%) passing last year for 1,492 yards and 13 scores. Meanwhile, Johnson rushed for 909 yards and scampered for 11 more six-pointers.

Size for this year's edition of Coolidge football will be supplied by OL-DL Jim Rimmer (6-2, 210), TE-DL Scott Ashford (6-1, 210), junior OG-LB Ray Hinojos (5-8, 180), LB Colye Ferguson and junior OT Barney Enos (5-10, 220).

If Coolidge doesn't win the 3A South, **SAN MANUEL** is the next likely choice. Twenty lettermen return for the defending region champs; that's 20 lettermen back from a team that won nine times in 11 outings.

"We could be very good if we get some leadership," says Mike Brown. "We have seven offensive and seven defensive starters returning."

RB-SS Richard Gonzalez (5-10, 210), RB-LB Justin Knight (5-10, 205) and QB-DB Ernie Ivy (5-9, 150) all earned all-state honorable mention last fall. They should be even better this time out.

OG-DE Lee Houston (5-11, 240), FL-LB Nathan Starman (5-10, 160), OT-DT Alberto Aguirre (6-2, 220) and OT-DT Eddie Garcia (6-2, 245) have size and ability.

And Brown is very excited about having OG-LB Randy Kempton (6-2, 230) back; he sat out '93 due to an injury. San Manuel certainly figures to be near the top when the dust clears in the 3A South.

What about **SAFFORD**? "We are encouraged by a young, enthusiastic group," says head mentor Ken Guzik, whose team finished 4-6 in '93. "We do not have a lot of size, but we do have quickness."

It all starts with quarterback Robert Abalos, an outstanding 6-3, 175-pound athlete who helped pitch the Bulldogs to the state baseball championship this spring. Abalos will be a factor in the secondary too.

Other skill performers of note are TE-DE Miguel Macario (6-0, 185), RB-LB Frank Gutierrez (5-8, 165), super-quick soph RB-DB Jerry Whitmire (5-10, 155), junior TE-LB Cameron Tregaskas (6-2, 200) and junior FB/DE Jason Nelson (5-10, 185).

The best of the Bulldog linemen are C/DL Tony Gutierrez (5-8, 200), OT-LB Mariano Casillas (6-0, 175) and junior OT-DT Frank Ozera (5-11, 225).

With the players from a 6-1 JV to lend support, Safford should hit the playoffs again this campaign.

"We expect to make the playoffs," says **SANTA CRUZ** coach John Batina. "Our defense will be improved and

our offense will be more consistent and better balanced."

Altogether, 15 letterwinners return, headed by RB-DB Albert Rodriguez (5-9, 160), junior OL-DL Carlos Gutierrez (5-9, 190), junior RB-LB Jesse Salazar (5-9, 180), WR-DB Steve Harrison (6-0, 175), junior RB-DE Ruben Ibarra (5-5, 145) and OL-DL Santana Garcia (5-11, 205).

The Dust Devils, 3-6 a year ago, lost four games by a touchdown or less. For decades Santa Cruz has been a real powerhouse in the state. Recently, things have changed. Maybe '94 will be the year that Santa Cruz establishes that winning tradition again.

MIAMI is another school with a great tradition in football, but the Vandals were just 3-7 last year. However, coach Bill Johnson will attempt to guide his crew back into the playoffs again this fall.

Levi Shaffer, a four-year starter, is a force on the defensive front. He's 6-3 and 240 pounds. Johnny Flores (6-2, 250) and T.J. Hull (5-9, 180) should also contribute in the trenches.

Offensively, watch for QB-RB Clint Clayton (5-7, 140), junior QB Ronnie Rocha, soph RB-DB Mark Burnham (5-9, 160), WR Ty Rackley (6-1, 200) and junior WR John Rittenbach (5-10, 165).

Trevini Baron is the main man for **SAHUARITA**. At 6-2 and 210 pounds, he'll play running back and outside linebacker. Coach Chris Fanning expects him to be one of the top players in the region.

Also back for the Mustangs, who finished 3-5 last year, just missing the playoffs, are OL Chris Morgan (6-3, 215), OL-DE Mike Johnson (6-4, 190) and QB Blue Elam (6-2, 165).

"We have a good core of returnees coming back," says Fanning. "Many underclassmen received a lot of valuable experience. Three players who sat out all last year due to injuries are back."

The situation at **GLOBE** is up in the air. Young players will have to get the job done and that's tough to do in this league.

Key underclassmen include QB Cameron Dowd (5-10, 170), OL-DL Anson Sneezy (5-10, 185), OL-DL Chris Gonzales (6-2, 210) and RB-DB Tim Cook (5-8, 160).

Heavy contributions are also anticipated from backs Shelby Greenwall, Tommy Bryant, in addition

to linemen John Odonetto and Blake Livinggood, who checks in at an imposing 6-7 and 280 pounds.

YUMA coach Curt Weber had to be pleased with his '93 squad. In the brutal 5A Central, the Criminals narrowly missed making the playoffs, finishing 6-4 behind the inspired play of quarterback Jason Maas.

And the cupboard isn't bare. The talented trio of OL-DL Shawn Watson (6-4, 275), QB-DB Jarrett Magdaleno (6-1, 185) and RB-DB Quinn Vance (5-10, 185) could very well spark Yuma to another fine season.

And they'll have plenty of support. Joining Watson in the trenches will be OL-LB Christian Gonzalez (5-11, 215), OL-LB Chris Domingos (6-1, 220), OL-DL Richard McGhee (5-10, 195), OL-DL Eddie Higgins (6-0, 220), OL-DL Arnie Pacheco (6-2, 240) and soph OL-DL Tony Jackson (6-1, 260).

In addition to Magdaleno and Vance, junior WR-DB Dempsey Dees (6-1, 175) could really help the offense. He has 4.6 speed. Others to watch include WR-DB-K Joe Lopez (6-0, 180) and WR-DB Paul Carlen (5-10, 165).

"We will have 17 starters returning from junior crop of kids who started most of our league games," says **CIBOLA** head mentor Jeff Feldman. So, despite last season's 2-8 slate, the outlook for the Raiders is brighter.

Senior RB Jamie Amon (5-9, 190) is a breakaway threat, having gained nearly 600 yards rushing and 300 yards receiving in just five games, due to an injury. If he can stay healthy for a full season, look out in the 5A Fiesta.

Also lending a hand will be QB Chad McLeod (5-11, 185), OL-LB Clint Harrington (6-1, 215), OL-DL Steve Hall (6-0, 205), TE-LB Scott Hull (6-0, 195), WR-DB Toby James (6-2, 185), OL-DL Chad Driedger (6-2, 225), OL-DL Landon Rowden (6-2, 245) and TE-LB Ryan Tyree (6-0, 190).

Louis Nightingale, for six years an assistant at Red Mountain High School in Mesa, takes over the head coaching job at **KOFA**. He'll inherit 14 lettermen from a club that went 2-8 in the 5A Desert Valley Region.

His top returning performer appears to be REC-LB Bill Amerson, a 6-3, 190-pound senior. Other skill players include junior QB Ryan Dhu (6-2, 180), FB-LB Osvaldo Gomez (5-11, 185), RB-DE Doug Fisher (6-0, 200) and WR-DB

Jorge Lucero (5-9, 160).

Some decent size is available in the form of OL-DL David Denman (6-1, 205), C-DL Ben Slater (6-0, 246), OL-DL Adolph Corona (6-2, 215), OL-DL Shawn Watson (6-4, 280), OL-DL Chris Fischback (5-8, 195) and OL-DL Anthony Mendoza (6-2, 230), all seniors.

Stump Mitchell enters his second year at **CASA GRANDE** with a great deal of optimism. "The outlook is very bright, with many of our top performers returning and a great backing by the community. I look forward to us making the playoffs and contending for the state championship."

To do well in the 4A East Valley, the Cougars (4-6) will have to defeat the likes of Arcadia, Highland, Tempe, Coronado and Chaparral. That won't be easy, but Casa Grande should be much improved.

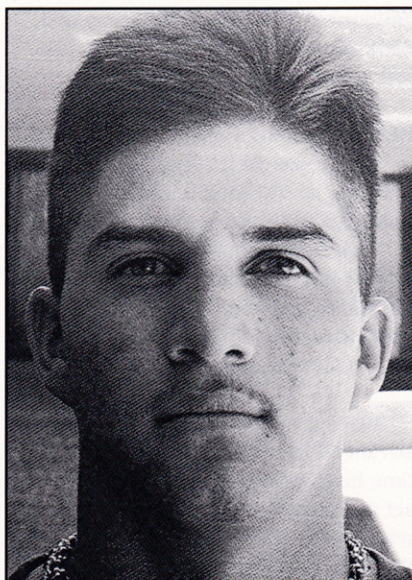
Leading the way will be two-way star Russell Trejo, a 5-11, 205-pound running back and linebacker. On offense, he scampered for over 1,300 yards rushing and scored 18 TDs.

The quarterback is three-year starter Jason Lenderman (6-2, 210), who threw for over 800 yards as a junior. Another player of note is junior FB-LB Stephen Trejo (6-3, 225), the "little brother" of Russell Trejo.

The remainder of the Cougar nucleus features OG-NT Todd Tomkinson (6-1, 235), junior RB-WR-LB Rodney Keeton (6-1, 210), OT-DT Andrew Phillips (6-4, 290), junior WR-DB Aaron Jones (6-2, 185), junior WR Kyle McEuen (5-11, 175), junior OG-DT Albert Deloneg (6-1, 230), DT Robert Davis (6-2, 215), TE-LB Josh Domagalski (6-2, 215), OT-LB Brian Schiltz (6-3, 220), junior WR-DB Johnny Villasez (5-11, 190), PK Jeremy Barber (5-11, 185) and WR-DB Charles Kenny (6-2, 195).

At the 2A level, **SUPERIOR** appears poised to run through another good season. The Panthers were a nifty 9-4 in '93, losing to St. Johns, 41-6, in the 2A championship game.

Coach Tom Joseph welcomes back 15 players from that squad, including stellar running back David Olmos, who glided for nearly 1,500 yards rushing last fall. The 5-10, 178-pound Almos has 4.6 speed. Soph Nathan Duarte (5-10, 170) is dangerous; he accounted



Morenci's fine signal caller Jimmy Enriquez will be a key player in the 2A East.

for over 300 yards on the ground and four scores, including an 80-yarder.

Signal caller Anthony Moraga (5-9, 184) also returns and he contributed 826 yards passing and 12 TDs a year ago.

The best of the biggest Panthers are OT-DE Tony Castanon (6-1, 228), junior OT-DT Ralph Frias (6-4, 275) and TE-LB Carlos Reyes (5-10, 218).

Meanwhile, narrow defeats to Superior and Queen Creek stopped **HAYDEN** from representing the 2A Central in the '93 playoffs. And heavy graduation losses present new challenges for coach Joe Estrada Jr.

"We lost 10 seniors from last year's team," says Estrada. "It will be tough to replace them. We will need for many young players to try and step in."

If the Lobos are to approach last year's 6-3 record, QB Bryan Oatis (5-9, 150) will have to carry much of the load. He'll be throwing to the likes of WR-DB Michael Hinojos (5-8, 165) and TE-DB Gabe Romero (6-1, 175).

The lines will be anchored by Brandon Waddell (5-11, 210) and junior Manny Armenta (5-10, 220).

In the always competitive 2A East, **THATCHER** "should be in the thick of the race." That's according to Eagle coach Ed Shamey, who usually has his team right where they need to be.

A year ago, Thatcher put together a nice 9-2 campaign, although a 27-7 loss to St. Johns in the quarterfinals ended everything before the Eagles

reached their ultimate goal.

This year's team will have some experienced performers back from that unit, plus plenty of new faces from an 8-0 junior varsity.

Watch for QB-DB Colin Bryce (5-9, 150), HB-DB Brad Romney (5-11, 160), HB-DB Micah French (5-10, 160), OT-DL Ryan Hooper (6-0, 190), OT-DL Kyle Rothlisberger (6-1, 185) and FB-LB Eric Hallon (6-0, 180) to make a difference.

BENSON is the defending champ in the 2A East and just might have enough to repeat. RB Ryan Mims (6-1, 200) and FB Anthony Cobb (5-10, 205) are a powerful duo. Jason Mitchell (6-0, 170) could be the starting quarterback this fall. Senior Chez Berryhill (6-4, 264) is the biggest man on campus.

The Bobcats lost to Antelope, 13-12, in the first round of the playoffs last year to finish their season at 7-3.

WILLCOX is another 2A East team that could make the playoffs in '94. Coach Mike Patterson led the Cowboys to an 8-3 ledger last season, ending with a tough 24-20 setback to Valley Christian in the quarterfinals.

This year, 11 veterans are back, although Patterson needs to rebuild his lines. The running game seems to be in good hands, thanks to RB-LB Jared Alred (5-11, 185), junior RB-DB Marcus Lopez (5-10, 170), junior RB-LB Chris Burkhead (5-10, 170) and junior RB-DB Danny Nix (5-10, 170). Mainstays in the trenches includes junior OG-LB Troy Byrd (6-0, 195) and OG-LB Adam Tanner (5-11, 180).

MORENCI, like Willcox, was 8-3 and bowed out in the state quarterfinals. It was a solid year, but coach Reynaldo Peru is intent on doing even better this fall.

Among the 13 lettermen back for the Wildcats is the team leader - QB-DB Jimmy Enriquez (5-10, 165). He is a talented athlete with 4.7 speed.

His backfield mates should include little RB-LB Russ Armbrust (5-6, 145). The receiving corps is set with TE-LB Brandon Romero (5-10, 160) and WR-DB Shawn Seballos (5-11, 140). Two-way tackle Tom Lindhorst (6-1, 215) and OG-LB Chad Henry (5-8, 150) will be key factors too.

One 2A East club that did not meet expectations in '93 was **BISBEE**. In fact, coach Fred Giagoletti states, "Our season record was very disappointing. Our lack of depth killed us."

Well, the Pumas will try to make amends in '94. Sixteen lettermen are back in uniform from the outfit that finished 4-5. The only two seniors on the team – QB-S Chris Teran (5-10, 160) and FB-DT Carlos Lebron (6-1, 200) – will need to show the way to the younger players. Junior Clayton Cox, a 5-11, 175-pound running back, is capable of having a big year.

SAN CARLOS, in just its third year in existence, managed a 2-6 mark in the 2A North. A dozen of those players are back.

"We lost our entire starting line," says coach William Schultz, "so everything depends on replacing those people." Schultz anticipates good campaigns from RB-LB Sheldon Rope (5-9, 200), junior QB-LB George Jones (5-10, 190), junior E-CB Steve Phillips (5-10, 165), junior Henry Gilbert (5-9, 160), soph E-LB Earl Dillon (5-8, 155)

and junior OT-DT Milt Jefferson (6-1, 220). As you can see, the Braves are still very young.

Coach Terry Nodlinski at **GILA BEND** is hoping for a winning season in '94. He has 14 letterwinners back in uniform, so improving upon the 3-6 slate of a year ago is highly possible.

Tops among that group is junior RB-DB Bo Gonzalez (5-9, 155), OT-DT Jerry Minyard (6-3, 230), FB-LB Roberto Valdez (5-7, 160) and junior RB-CB Gerald Burns (5-9, 165).

Moving to the 1A South, **CLIFTON** advanced to the playoffs for the first time in 25 years. That will be a tough act to follow for this year's Trojans, who ended last season by bowing to Williams in the state semifinals

"We will have to have a tremendous offseason to come close to what we did last year," says coach Ron Aguillo. But don't sell Clifton short. Sixteen varsity veterans are available in '94, so matching last fall's 6-4 mark is not totally out of the question.

Anticipated stalwarts are TB-LB Agapito Nabor (5-10, 180), C-LB Brian Avila (5-9, 175), E-DE Luis Enriquez (5-9, 190), E-NG Tony Murillo (6-2, 240) and TB-LB Ray Alvarez (6-0, 185), all seniors.

Coach Bill House at **PATAGONIA** should have a fine club this year. After all, 19 familiar faces return, including standout QB Chopper Murrietta (5-7, 140) and dynamite RB Ruben Mendoza (5-9, 155), both juniors.

Also back from last season's 6-2 outfit are E-DB Carlos Atondo (5-11, 165), plus linemen David Martin (6-0, 170), Grant Montgomery (6-0, 180) and Ricardo Padilla (6-0, 180).

The Blue Devils at **VALLEY UNION** had a respectable season (3-5), but barely missed making the playoffs. "We had a good offense, but our defense did not play up to our hopes," says coach Tom Davis.

And what about '94? "We should be competitive," predicts Davis. "We have good backs and receivers returning. Our line is small but experienced. We must have a center and quarterback step up and fill some big shoes."

The QB could be Josh Watson (5-11, 150), a senior who will also handle the punting chores. Or the QB might be soph Patrick Epling, a 6-0, 165-pound sophomore.

Other notables are RB-DB Duane Mortenson (5-11, 170), RB-DB David

Hermosillo (5-11, 140), OG-LB Jay Surret (6-0, 165), OG-LB Jesus Hurtado (5-8, 165) and REC-DB Tony Smith (6-0, 150).

FT. THOMAS went with a number of young players last year. The result was a 2-6 record. But that could pay dividends this time out.

Coach Wil Hinton is hoping the Apaches can compete for the region title. If that happens, you can bet that RB-LB Steve Talgo (6-1, 185) will be right in the middle of the action. He is a two-way star for Ft. Thomas.

The Preston boys – senior C-DL Henson Preston (5-9, 225) and junior OG-DL Waylon Preston (5-11, 185) – are invaluable. And OG-DL Jack Moses (6-0, 222), RB-DL Braden Hawkins (5-6, 145) and DE Ray Moses (5-11, 165) certainly help the Apache cause.

"Our returning lettermen played through several tough losses last season and I think they have something to prove to themselves," says Hinton.

"It was our first experience with eight-man football and we learned a lot both offensively and defensively," recalls an **AJO** school official. For the record, the Red Raiders posted a 3-5 ledger. The good news is that they have 22 returning lettermen in '94.

Topping that list is quick RB-LB Robert Trebes (6-2, 190), a senior with 4.6 speed. He had 1,783 all-purpose yards, including 1,240 on the ground. He also averaged 40.4 yards per punt.

Also on hand will be RB-LB Chris Lopez (5-8, 180), junior OL-LB Danny Hernandez (5-9, 175) and junior WR Jerome Oroco (5-11, 165).

Ajo should benefit from the performances of Richard Gilmartin, Joseph Lopez, Billy Korolsky and Jon Garchow too.

PALO VERDE CHRISTIAN registered a 2-6 mark in the 1A Central a year ago. Coach Tom Armour hopes 15 returning veterans will do better this fall.

"I'm optimistic," says Armour. "We are more experienced, have more team members, have a line that averages over 210 pounds and return our starting quarterback, running backs and receivers."

Keep an eye on QB-DB Matt Hodges (5-11, 150), RB-DB Adam Smith (5-6, 145), REC-DB Dan Slankard (6-3, 180), REC-LB Ralph Bolvin (5-11, 150), DB Paul Boyer (5-8, 150) and OL-DL Brian Fitzgerald (6-1, 220).

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TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

7.....Ted Bland, Tucson, 1931
6.....Ford Knowles, Miami, 1923 (jr)
6.....Mike Swick, Miami, 1924
6.....Joe Causey, Douglas, 1925
6.....Riley Hatfield, Kearny Ray, 1958
6.....Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
6.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
6.....Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
6.....Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)
6.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
6.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)

39.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993
37.....Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
36.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
34.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
33.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980
31.....Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991
31.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1992 (jr)
30.....Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1969
30.....Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990
29.....Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

85.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93
61.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90
60.....Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91
59.....Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69
56.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1975-77
56.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78
53.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1945-48
53.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88
53.....Bill Swoger, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90
52.....Jimmy Davis, Coolidge, 1942-45
52.....Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1963-65

POINTS (GAME)

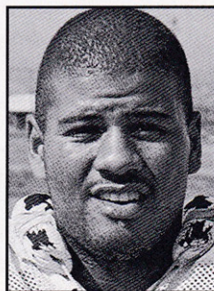
42.....Ted Bland, Tucson, 1931
40.....Mike Swick, Miami, 1924
40.....Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)
38.....Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956
38.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
38.....Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
38.....Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1982 (jr)
38.....Lonnie Graham, Miami, 1986
38.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
38.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993

POINTS (SEASON)

246.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993
234.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
222.....Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
208.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990



Mario Bates,
Tucson Amphi



Ernie Montez,
Thatcher

206.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980
204.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
190.....Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)
186.....Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991
186.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1992 (jr)
180.....Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1969
180.....Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

POINTS (CAREER)

524.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93
384.....Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91
372.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90
360.....Jimmy Davis, Coolidge, 1942-45
354.....Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69
354.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1975-77
352.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78
347.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1945-48
320.....Bill Swoger, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90
318.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88
317.....Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1963-64

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)

376.....Cippy Correa, Wellton Antelope, 1973
336.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
328.....Dave Griffin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
314.....Jim Faulks, Flowing Wells, 1958
313.....Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1991
312.....Kyle Muldrow, Coolidge, 1986
311.....Joey Salcido, Douglas, 1990
307.....Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955
306.....Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1989 (so)
303.....Joe Petrosus, Tucson, 1968
301.....Hayzel Daniels, Tucson, 1925 (jr)

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

2,740.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
2,515.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993
2,253.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
2,200.....Glenn King, Casa Grande, 1950

2,107.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
2,107.....Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991
2,017.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980
1,915.....Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1989 (so)
1,892.....Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

5,711.....Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91
5,440.....Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93
4,836.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90
4,458.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78
4,480.....Hadley Hicks, Bisbee, 1948-51
4,221.....Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69
3,803.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88
3,580.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1978-80

CARRIES (GAME)

44.....Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965
42.....Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965
40.....Jim Fitzpatrick, Tucson Salpointe, 1962
39.....Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1968 (jr)
39.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
39.....Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
39.....Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1984 (jr)
39.....Leroy Long, Bisbee, 1992

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

13.9.....Max Hancock, Safford, 1946
13.6.....Ramon Ruiz, Clifton, 1967
13.4.....Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990
13.0.....Bruce Reed, Florence, 1983
12.8.....David Adams, Tucson S'Sside, 1980 (jr)
12.7.....Tommy Neal, Florence, 1983
12.6.....Frank Ards, Marana, 1965
12.3.....Eddie Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

99.....Frank Estavillo, Safford, 1930
99.....Manuel Chacon, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1954
99.....Oscar Nogales, Ajo, 1962
99.....Pete Finau, Kearny Ray, 1977
99.....Greg Johnson, Tucson Palo Verde, 1985
98.....Glenn Wyman, Canyon del Oro, 1977
98.....Jeremy Johnson, Coolidge, 1990 (jr)

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

426.....Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
425.....Dennis Bene, Tucson Salpointe, 1983
424.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, 1982 (jr)
402.....Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993
399.....Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)
392.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
385.....Gabe Lindstrom, Bisbee, 1993
384.....Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986
365.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, 1982 (jr)

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PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

2,736Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
2,686Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986
2,479Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
2,228Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992
2,131Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)
2,080Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
2,079Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985
2,072Bobby Valdez, Sunnyside, 1985 (jr)
2,033Tom Brown, Tucson Sabino, 1990
2,015William Urbina, Tucson Pueblo, 1991

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

5,774Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, 1985-88
5,731Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'Side, 1984-86
5,281Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76
4,620Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1987-89
4,459Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
4,426Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1990-92
4,091Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1982-84

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

6Tommy Cupps, Casa Grande, 1952
6Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985
6Dan Gonzales, Tombstone, 1985
5Johnny Mansour, Miami, 1957
5Dick Galvez, Flowing Wells, 1967
5Kent Hawkins, Coolidge, 1969
5Rene Elias, Tucson Cholla, 1970
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5Terry Pollock, Tucson, 1972
5Tom Wiedenbauer, T. Sahuaro, 1975
5Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
5Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
5Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, 1982 (jr)
5Mike Matlock, Tucson CDO, 1984 (jr)
5Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
5Ricky Garcia, Florence, 1985
5Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, 1988
5Jason Simpson, Wellton Antelope, 1988
5Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992
5Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

28Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
27Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
26Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'Side, 1985 (jr)
25Frank Fernandez, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
25Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1975 (jr)
25Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

66Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76
48Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'Side, 1984-86
47Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
47Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1979-80
45Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1982-84
42Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, 1985-88
42Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1987-89

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99Tony Cortez Rose to Bill Salzbrenner,
.....Douglas, 1975
99Dave Lytle to Todd Schulz,
.....Tombstone, 1979



In three years of varsity ball, Kevin Schmidtke rushed for 5,440 yards, scored 85 touchdowns and 524 points. (Tucson Citizen photo)

98Frank Fernandez to Ron Jackson,
.....Tucson Pueblo, 1967
97J.C. Brooks to Larry Baeza, Miami, 1971
97Arnold Tarpley to Houston Turner,
.....Tucson Cholla, 1975
97Rhett Wilber to Gino Lizarraga,
.....Flowing Wells, 1986
97Doug Osmundson to Billy Burris,
.....Florence, 1988

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

21John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
14Lance Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1973
14Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
14Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988
13Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
12Mike Orozco, Tucson Catalina, 1973
12Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
12Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1984 (jr)
11Troy Cooke, Flowing Wells, 1979
11Kent Vanderkolk, Flowing Wells, 1979
11Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

84George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
81John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
73Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
70Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988
67Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
67Rafael Martinez, Nogales, 1989
65Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
64Mike Orozco, Tucson Catalina, 1973
64Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986
61Pablo Policronaides, Tucson Pueblo, 1986

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

158Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, 1984-86
152Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
149John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1974-76
140George Ochoa, Douglas, 1976-79
124Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1973-75
120Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84
107Randy Hunter, Tucson Cholla, 1977-79
101Jay Dobyins, Tucson Sahuaro, 1977-79

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RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

304.....Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972
 292.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 246.....Dawaun Hill, Tucson Pueblo, 1989
 243.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
 243.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 234.....Rob Moen, Flowing Wells, 1987
 227.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 227.....Wes Lewis, Tucson Catalina, 1978
 224.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1984 (jr)
 220.....Kent Vanderkolk, Flowing Wells, 1979

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,492.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 1,222.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 1,174.....George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
 1,172.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
 1,119.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 1,050.....Steve Vargas, Tucson Pueblo, 1980
 1,049.....John Fiordalis, Flowing Wells, 1983
 1,035.....Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1982
 1,014.....Tim Bridges, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
 1,010.....Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

2,613.....Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
 2,490.....Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, 1984-86
 2,375.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1974-76
 2,300.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1987-88

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

4.....Paul Ray Powell, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
 4.....Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970
 4.....Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972
 4.....David Headley, Kearny Ray, 1972
 4.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 4.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 4.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 4.....Pat Mohen, Ajo, 1979
 4.....Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

18.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 18.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 15.....Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970
 15.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
 15.....Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985
 14.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 14.....George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
 13.....Marty Scala, Tucson Catalina, 1966
 13.....John Fiordalis, Flowing Wells, 1983
 12.....Brad Baker, Tucson Sahuaro, 1978

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

29.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1987-88
 28.....Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
 27.....Ken Murdock, Antelope, 1969-71
 27.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

5.....Mike Koza, Tucson Santa Rita, 1974
 4.....Larry Epling, Canyon del Oro, 1971
 4.....Steve Perry, Morenci, 1974
 4.....Pat Mohon, Ajo, 1979
 4.....Paul Reed, Tucson Amphi, 1989



**John Mistler,
Tucson Sahuaro**



**Michael Bates,
Tucson Amphi**

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

18.....Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
 13.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1974
 12.....Brad Justesen, Kearny Ray, 1969
 12.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1973 (jr)
 12.....Jay Jones, Douglas, 1979
 12.....Mickey Wheeler, Coolidge, 1979
 12.....Gino Lizarraga, Flowing Wells, 1986
 11.....Flenard Grisby, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
 11.....Randy Hunter, Tucson Cholla, 1978
 11.....George Duarte, Tucson S'Side, 1980 (jr)

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

30.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1972-74
 29.....Billy Burris, Florence, 1987-89
 25.....Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo, 1966-67
 24.....Jay Jones, Douglas, 1977-79
 20.....Charles Cobbs, Florence, 1975-77

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

105.....Michael Hinojos, Hayden, 1992
 103.....Tomas Soto, Tucson Palo Verde, 1992
 102.....Martin Colbaugh, Globe, 1955 (so)
 102.....Harry O'Hagin, Nogales, 1945
 102.....Joe Ortiz, Florence, 1948
 102.....Mike Lemos, Yuma, 1992 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

4.....Bill Shirk, Tucson Santa Rita, 1973
 4.....Chris Kinnamon, Globe, 1984
 4.....Adam Macklin, Tucson Amphi, 1989

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

11.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
 10.....Alex Giffords, Tucson Sabino, 1978
 10.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1988

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

29.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985-88
 14.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1989-90

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

57.....Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1977
 57.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1988
 55.....Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1976 (jr)
 54.....Jeff Hernandez, Miami, 1970
 54.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990
 53.....Dave Newton, Tucson Sabino, 1984
 53.....Bubba Culin, Tucson Rincon, 1991
 53.....George Bon, Tucson Salpointe, 1992

PATS (GAME)

11.....Joey Mariscal, Florence, 1987
 10.....Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956
 10.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
 10.....Jose Salcedo, Tucson S'Side, 1980 (jr)
 10.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990

PATS (SEASON)

70.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
 66.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967 (jr)
 60.....Mark Kilian, Mountain View, 1993
 58.....Steve McLaughlin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1989
 57.....Dave Lopez, Casa Grande, 1950
 55.....Arlen Bethay, Tucson Amphi, 1979
 52.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990
 51.....John Silvas, Florence, 1985

PATS (CAREER)

136.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967-68
 94.....Anthony Facio, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1979-81
 83.....Brad Foote, Sierra Vista Buena, 1975-77
 75.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90

LONGEST PUNT

91.....Chester Beach, Ajo, 1954
 83.....Rodney Peete, Sahuaro, 1982 (jr)
 80.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946 (so)
 80.....Jesus Hernandez, Douglas, 1979 (so)

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)

47.3.....Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee, 1980 (jr)
 47.0.....Tim Carter, Miami, 1980
 46.6.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1947 (jr)
 46.6.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990 (jr)
 45.5.....Jose Lopez, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
 45.2.....Tony Lindsey, Marana, 1962
 45.0.....Dion Jergo, Tucson Cholla, 1975 (so)

PUNTING AVERAGE (CAREER)

45.4.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990-91
 43.3.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946-48
 43.2.....Dion Jergo, Tucson Cholla, 1975-77

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)

103.....Buddy Baker, Miami, 1939
 97.....Chris Lee, Thatcher, 1977
 97.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 96.....John Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1974 (jr)

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TD)

107.....James Simon, Sierra Vista Buena, 1989
 106.....Barry Bacon, Tucson Sahuaro, 1989
 99.....Eric Warrior, Tucson Sunnyside, 1976
 99.....Leon Nelson, Yuma, 1976
 99.....Peter Finau, Kearny Ray, 1977
 99.....Jay Dobyns, Tucson Sahuaro, 1979
 99.....Darryl Rice, Tucson Sahuaro, 1983
 99.....Ralph Castillo, Kearny Ray, 1984
 99.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1987 (jr)
 99.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
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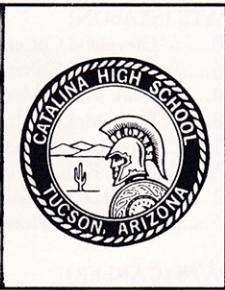


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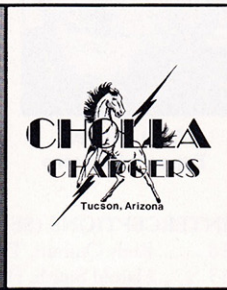
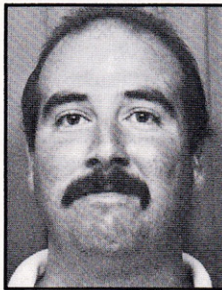
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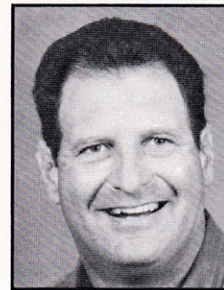
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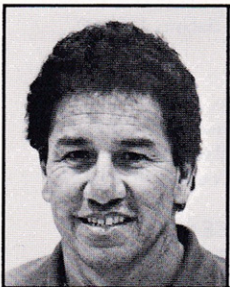
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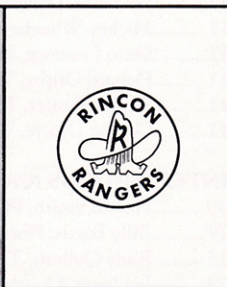
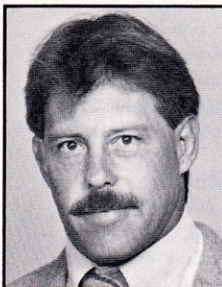
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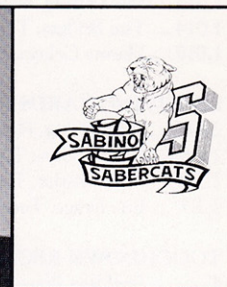
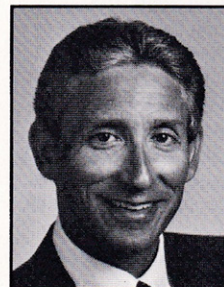
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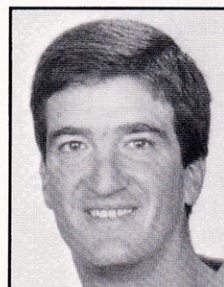
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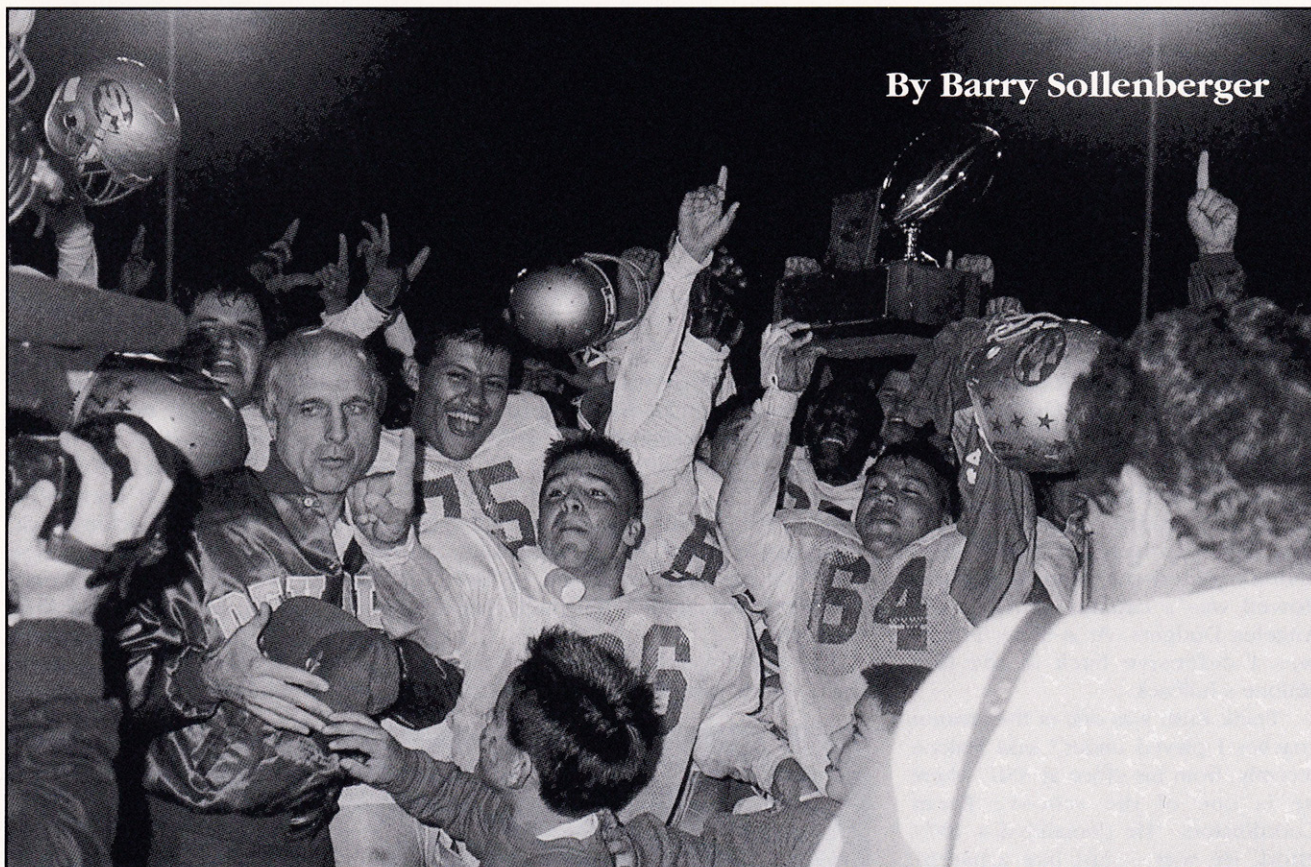
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By Barry Sollenberger

From 13-0 in 1990 (above) to 0-9 two years later, Santa Cruz Union High School in Eloy is just a mere shadow of what was one of Arizona's most historic football programs.

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Located south of Casa Grande, halfway between Phoenix and Tucson, Eloy is one of many small Arizona towns flanking one of America's most historic highways - Interstate 10.

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Unless you were a college football coach. Especially between 1958 and 1990.

This historic Arizona town, population 5,000, originally known for its cotton and agricultural products, became better known for its high school football. When the Dust Devils played at home, those Friday Night Lights to the east of the freeway stood tall and bright.

"The first coach we sent down there was 'Bake (former ASU assistant Don Baker)," said legendary Arizona State head coach Frank Kush in 1978. "He came back and said, 'Hell, there's a

back down there better than anything we've seen in Phoenix since we got here (1955)."

That back was Art Malone.

Since Phoenix Union had produced George Greathouse; Mesa Warren and Andy Livingston; and South Mountain Dornel and Earliest Nelson, that was saying a lot.

For sure, Art Malone was the best black athlete to come out of a small Arizona town since Globe sent Clay Freney to Arizona State in 1958.

"Art was more than a football player," said Baker, who was best man at Malone's wedding. "He was an athlete. And he was tough."

Like several Dust Devils who followed him, Malone was an All-American in track & field. He ran the high hurdles in 14.0 seconds, and was the first Arizona schoolboy to clock 18.8 seconds in the 180 lows (an event no longer run in high school track).

On the gridiron Art was

unstoppable, leading the Dust Devils to the school's first state football championship, a 27-7 win over Peoria at Sun Devil Stadium. In 12 games, the "Eloy Rocket" scored 37 touchdowns; six against Coolidge, five against Willcox and Hayden - a game in which he rushed for a school record 299 yards. He gained 1,746 on the season, earning first team high school All-America honors.

But there were still skeptics. That was soon to change in the 1966 North-South All-Star game in Flagstaff, where Malone blitzed a North defense of players from larger AA schools for an All-Star record 212 yards.

"Art was the real deal before the all-star game was ever played," added Baker, who died in 1989. "That was just the icing on the cake."

But Art was not alone. His schoolboy classmate, Paul Ray Powell, was also impressive in the Flagstaff classic. Recruited by the likes of

Nebraska and UCLA, the football dandies signed A-State letters of intent on the same day.

Coached by Lonnie Foster, Malone and Powell combined to score 300 of Santa Cruz's 512 points and produced 3,176 offensive yards. Malone alone scored 222 points.

"So far as I'm concerned," Sun Devil assistant Paul Kemp said at the time, "in my eight years here, these are two of the finest prospects to come off the same ball club. We feel both boys have the tools and ability to do a good job. It's up to them how far they go."

They went far.

Both played for Frank Kush. Powell was later an All-American outfielder for Bobby Winkles' 1969 NCAA championship baseball team. When Malone joined the Atlanta Falcons, Powell was a catcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers. At A-State, Powell was a defensive back in the fall; Malone a fullback.

"Frank Kush was one of the greatest coaches I played under," said Malone recently, from his office at ASU, where he is one of the school's Event Coordinators. "He demanded a 100% effort. He was ... just like a parent. You didn't want to go out and get in trouble and have him find out. But he stuck by you ... gave you a second chance.

"And Don Baker was the greatest running back coach I ever met," he added. "High school, college or pro. When he died ... that really hurt."

Troy Thomas was the most respected person in Eloy. More so than the mayor. Or the high school's football coach.

Thomas, who died in 1981 at age 50, was a teacher and coach in the district for 27 years. Following his death, local, county and state officials participated in a dedication at the athletic field at Eloy Junior High, in memory of Thomas.

Sherry Ferguson, Pinal County school superintendent, gave an emotional address. "You could not find a more fitting tribute to Troy Thomas," she said. "He cared. He taught his kids how to win or lose gracefully. He kept many students in school who otherwise would have dropped out. Troy was the only father figure many of his kids knew. A twinkle came to his eye when he talked about his kids."

Eloy Mayor Porfirio Pantoja added,

"Troy had a positive effect on Eloy's youngsters. Our youth are the pride of our community and our greatest resource."

Thomas had received numerous community service awards, but was most proud of a Coaching and Friendship Award given by Atlanta Falcon running back Art Malone.

"Troy was my fifth grade teacher, and the main reason I got involved in athletics," says Malone, who first attended all-black Carver Elementary School, located on the south side of the railroad tracks which split the town. "He was responsible for a lot of kids getting involved in sports."

The Dust Devils played their first varsity game in 1949, but it wasn't until 1957 that this town produced its first true football star - halfback Jay Finchum.

The junior speedster burst upon the scene in November, during a 48-13

win over San Manuel. On 26 carries he gained 277 yards and scored four touchdowns, one a 76-yarder.

One year later the 5-foot, 11-inch transplant from Peoria, Ill., scored 150 points on 22 touchdowns and 18 PATS. His 8-2 club, coached by Pete Clark, dropped a 14-13 heartbreaker to Chandler and a 21-6 contest to Casa Grande, when Finchum went out with an injury.

He rushed for 1,313 yards, 2,349 in a brief two year career. His five touchdown performance against Tucson Flowing Wells tied a school record set years earlier by Junior Osborn and Wiley Horton (see chart).

"In my opinion, that team with Finchum, Jimmy Myers, Jackie Prock, Bob Shay, was the start of Eloy football as we know it today," says Howard Dean, coach and athletic director at Santa Cruz for 35 years. "Finchum was the best fundamental player I've seen here."



In less than 10 games, Ben Malone scored 30 touchdowns and rushed for 1,775 yards.

For the next six years the Devils were coached by Bill Stovall, but it was during Lonnie Foster's first year, the 1965 campaign, that Santa Cruz football hit the front pages. Still, when Malone and Powell graduated, the Devils rolled on. After dropping early season games to Canyon del Oro and Flowing Wells, Foster's young '66 guns reloaded and knocked out nine straight foes, including talented Agua Fria in the Class A finals, 16-13. The passing of J.T. Burchett, the running of Les Rankin and kicking of Albert Jackson - a tough linebacker - made the team click.

By 1968, Pinal County had two new idols - Ben Malone and Larry Shorty. An all-junior backfield, led by quarterback Larry Foote, responded with a 7-3 record, highlighted by Malone's 1,587 yards and 20 touchdowns. Shorty and Malone were prime targets for Foote, as the Devils passed more than usual. Still, the college coaches knew they had a durable dandy after Malone scooted 256 yards against San Manuel; 291 against Willcox (on 34 carries) and 239 against Ajo (on 39 carries).

The '69 Devils were perfect. Backs Malone and David Cade were unstoppable. Nobody could rattle Foote. Nobody could cover Shorty. The crowds were terrific. A 61-2 win over Willcox was typical Malone: 22 carries, 220 yards, four touchdowns. Four-thousand fans watched a 27-0 shutout of Ajo. More than 5,000 paid to see the Devils beat rival Coolidge, 28-12. During a 62-12 rout of Snowflake, Malone scored five TDs, and Cade scored on an 84-yard run. In a rematch with Ajo in the Class A finals, the Red Raiders fell again, 22-13. Foster had his third and final gold trophy. Three years later he was coaching in Chandler. By then, Malone and Shorty were playing in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

When Jay Denton replaced Foster the Dust Devils didn't skip a beat. In 1972, Miami fell 34-6 in the season opener, as Jimmy Malone and C.T. Strange - a candidate for the decade's "all-name" team - ran wild. But Miami turned the tables 11 weeks later in the state finals, beating the Devils 22-21 in one of the all-time great upsets in playoff history. "That really hurt," said Denton at the time. "The kids took that loss real hard."

For the next five years, Denton's

Devils played competitive ball. A close loss here, a close loss there; kept near perfect teams out of the playoffs. Still, Eloy football was typical Eloy football, as players like James Malone, Sam Johnson, Kenny Maddox, Jim Weddle, Art White, Bryant Ogle and Larry Strange ran around, over and through rival football stadiums.

Then came 1978, and the Cade Brothers - Mike and Mossy. It was to be Denton's last year (or so he thought) and it was to be his best. Or so he thought. By the time the Cades graduated, the football fields in Pinal County were in shambles.

During a 32-14 win over Sahuarita, Mossy scored three times, including an 88-yard kickoff and an 84-yard punt return, and tossed a 60-yard scoring strike to Eddie Chase. Mike scored once. He warmed up for Coolidge with a 249-yard night against Buckeye, including scoring runs of 80 and 95 yards.

But against Coolidge, played before 4,000 fans in Eloy, Cade was at his best, scoring three times - including an 82-yard kickoff return - during a 42-28 win. The Bears' Tony Ellis, later a star at Michigan State, was unstoppable. But nobody for Coolidge could stop anybody from Santa Cruz.

The Class A finals with Willcox, played at Amphitheater High in Tucson, was one of the most historic games in Arizona history. During a 40-36 Devil win, the lead changed hands 11 times. On 20 carries, Cade rushed for 299 yards and scored six times - in this order: 73 yard run, 54 yard run, 38 yard run, 54 yard run, 75 yard kickoff, and a nine yard run. In a gallant effort, the Cowboys little back, 5-foot, 8-inch Steve George, scored four TDs. Cade's 56 career touchdowns and 4,458 yards was tops in Arizona during the Decade of the '70s.

When it was over, Denton packed his bags and moved to Wyoming, to enter private business. Mike Cade signed with Michigan, then transferred to Arizona State and finished out a disappointing college career. Mossy, one year younger, guided an Ed Jones-coached Eloy club through an unbeaten campaign and the '79 state championship. He finished his college career as an All-American defensive back at the University of Texas, and was the No. 1 draft pick of the San Diego Chargers. Unfortunately, both of the Cades post-college careers were shortened by run-ins with the law.

Back in Eloy nothing changed.

New coach Jim Ewan took charge for two years and went 22-3-0. His near perfect '80 club knocked out Buckeye in the Class A finals, 33-12. Carl Butler, Felton Malone, Joe Bennett and Greg Bingham were the new stars. A 23-20 loss to Buckeye in overtime, played in October, snapped a 22 game winning streak. But the Hawks crumbled under Eloy's talent and tradition in the finals.

One year later, Ewan's second and last, SC went 10-2 and fell to Buckeye in the semifinals, 15-0. The rain and mud at Scottsdale's Saguaro High slowed Eloy's racehorse backfield of Bennett, Malone and Travis Cade to a crawl.

For the next six campaigns, Larry Foote and Dave Crumbaker shared coaching honors. Although the Devils were competitive, few playoff games were played. Still, typical SC athletes broke from each huddle: Cassius Matthews, Jerry Butler, Ruben Leos, Jed Shorty, Charles Matthews, Vincent Byrd, David Arvizu, James Hampton, Don Harris, "Pinky" Thornton and kicker Earthy Williams.

In 1988, with 444 students and just 22 varsity players, Crumbaker's club finished 4-5-1, and for the first time in years, played a full season with no Cades on the roster.

Then Jay Denton returned from Wyoming. "The job opened and I took it," said Denton. "It was that simple. But things had changed. The economy. The makeup of the community. The enrollment. We dropped down a classification."

With Denton in charge the wishbone was back. In 1989, his new squad, now playing schools from towns the bus used to drive through, compiled a 7-5 record and advanced to the 2A semis, where rival Florence stomped them 34-19. Every bit as significant as who played, was who did not. Halfback Kevin Butler, because of disciplinary reasons, watched from the stands.

"We had a real young team, and (Kevin) Butler didn't play," says Denton. "We had to discipline him. The next year, after the fourth game, we knew we had a chance when we beat Coolidge in a real tough game at their place."

For the first time in decades, the school's enrollment dipped below 440 students. That was bad news for Class 2A schools. Not since 1968, when a Cleveland Colter-led Marana squad blitzed the "small school" ranks, has Arizona produced a 2A football team

like Santa Cruz High of 1990.

Quarterback Ray Hornsby and running backs Kevin Butler, Eddie Cade and Joe Cade were out of their league. "I don't want to offend anybody in Mesa," said former Glendale Community College assistant David Rice, now the head coach at Mesa CC, "but Mesa High won the 5A title that year, and except for their quarterback (Grady Benton), nobody in their backfield could have started at Eloy."

Against Coolidge, Butler scored twice, Eddie Cade once, and Jimmy Jimenez booted a 26 yard field goal in a 23-18 win, highlighted by a 98 yard touchdown run by the Bears' Jeremy Johnson. Coolidge was one of two 3A schools on the Devils' schedule. The following week, Butler rushed for 237 yards on 22 carries as SC blitzed eventual state 3A runnerup Miami, 46-14.

Ten players, including Butler for disciplinary reasons, missed the Devils' 12-0 win over Ajo. Then Chandler Seton Catholic fell 47-14 in a game marred by 20 fumbles. The league crown was wrapped up with a 42-0 rout of Maricopa; a game called after the first half by the newly adapted "mercy rule." Eloy's wishbone ran for 292 yards in one half.

In the first round of the state playoffs, Butler averaged 20.2 yards on 14 carries and scored on runs of 54, 80, one and 24 yards, during a 40-8 win over San Pasqual, a California school playing in the Arizona Interscholastic Association. The game was played in Gila Bend.

Then, in the quarterfinals, SC gave up 326 yards to Tempe Valley Christian, most of it gained by the Trojans' terrific young quarterback, Armon Williams. However, nobody at VCH could stop Santa Cruz's backs. Eddie Cade had his best night ever, gaining 246 yards on 15 carries and scoring four touchdowns. Butler gained 235 yards on 10 carries and scored three. As a team, SC gained 606 yards, 546 rushing. In a 45-25 win, the fans watched 932 yards total offense in less than two hours.

When Eddie Cade ran the opening kickoff back 77 yards in the semifinals, Thatcher new it was in for a long night. Well, not really. Thanks to the "mercy rule," this one ended early in the third quarter, 42-0.

Superior was the sacrificial lamb in the finals, 33-7. Butler scored a title



Although Art Malone (left) reached the pros, many fans in Eloy claim the Dust Devils' best back ever was Mike Cade (right).



game record four touchdowns, averaging 11.1 yards per carry. His longest touchdown jaunt covered 86 yards.

On the season, the 6-foot, 170-pound senior scored 30 touchdowns, rushed for 1,892 yards (second best in school history to Mike Cade), and averaged a school record 13.4 yards per carry. He was joined in the backfield of the *Super All-State* squad by Tucson Amphi's Mario Bates, Mesa's Grady Benton and Brophy Prep sophomore Mike Mitchell.

As a team, the Devils seventh state championship club posted six shutouts, averaged 34.5 points, rushed for 4,446 yards and managed 5,292 yards total offense.

Then the bottom fell out.

Two years after his '90 club went 13-0, Denton's Devils finished 0-9. He stepped aside to make room for John Batina, the current coach. "In 1989, you couldn't give enough credit to our superintendent, Dr. John Beamer," says Denton, who today coaches only wrestling. "He's retired now. He backed us 100%. When you can't get administrative cooperation from the top, you lose it all.

"Today, there is no continuity from the junior high through high school," he insists. "Small things to some people were big things to me. Look at the playing field. It used to be the best. Now it's the worst. Some

equipment is poor. There's no pride. It comes from the top.

"We have had great kids come through the program," Denton continues. "But on the high school level, you win with little kids who you develop through the ranks. Good high school players. The Cades and the Malones were the studs, but the other kids made it go."

Art Malone was the third of 10 children. His oldest brother was killed in a hunting accident. Both his parents are now deceased. "I haven't been back since mom died," he admits. "Today, there has been so many changes. There is nothing to keep young people there. The growth is in Casa Grande."

Howard Dean refuses to point a finger, but does admit to changes. "We're the smallest 3A school in the state," he claims. "Fifteen years ago we had close to 600 students in the school. Today we're happy with 450. We'll start at 500 in September, then drop. The farming is not as stable. People are moving out, not in."

"Football in Eloy used to be so important, you had the kids' attention as soon as they walked on campus," concludes Denton. "If you don't make it important, you lose them. Then the community loses interest ... that's the saddest of all. When you have a school with a great tradition like Santa Cruz had in football ... you hate to see it get away."

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